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PREFACE.

By J. R. Sen.

Ergo age, Chare Pater, cervici imponere nostræ:

Ipse subibo humeris, nec me labor iste

gravabit. Virg.



HETHER I have done Well, or Not, in Publishing this Account, I am oblig'd in Justice to take it upon my

Self, and to declare, as I do, that 'tis my Own Act.

I had an Undoubted Right to difpose of these Papers as I thought sit. I am well satisfy'd my Son when he

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was Abroad was not Unmindful of his Own particular Pleasure, and Improvement from the Sight of those Fine things he went to see; but I am no less persuaded that what he Principally intended in making, and noting down his Observations was to gratify Me; the Cream of which he gave me by Long, and Frequent Letters. From Which, and from his Notes taken upon the Places, I (with his Assistance when he came home) collected what was for my Purpose.

But tho' These were Abundantly more than I Expected, or could have Hop'd for, yet being often wrote in Haste, and when he was greatly Incommoded by Heat, or Otherwise, it must needs happen that they were not always so Copious, nor gave me so Clear an Idea of the Things as I Wish'd; in That Case I had recourse to his Memory; and I was Surpriz'd to find he had There so Carefully, and Distinctly treasure'd up so many Particularities wor-

thy the being recollected, and added to what he had committed to Writing. I have been ever fince upon all Opportunities getting Farther Light into These Matters; Chiefly from Him; but Sometimes from Others, and from Books; comparing his Accounts with Theirs, and making some few Improvements by the Hints we thus receiv'd. Besides all this, tho' I have Throughout (as it was necessary) preserv'd the same Style as written by my Son, I have Enlarg'd upon the Materials he has given me, and to his Remarks have added many others of my Own. This latter Article he insisted upon that I should declare if I resolv'd to publish these Papers; and particularly that Those upon the Pictures of Raffaele in that Suite of Rooms in the Vatican which go by his Name are Intirely Mine. I must add withal, that whatever Mixture there is of This kind, the Whole has my Son's Concurrence, and Approbation.

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That I should write upon what I never Saw, may appear strange to fome; Such may please only to obferve that My Remarks are Chiefly upon the way of Thinking; which is feen in a Print, or a Drawing, as well as in the Thing it self: These I am well furnish'd with, particularly for those famous Works of the Vatican just now mention'd: Bellori has moreover describ'd 'em very minutely, and exactly; I mean as to the Figures of each Picture. I remark then on what I have Seen; for the Little that remains on which my Remarks are made, Evidence has been to me instead of Eyes, as it must be in Matters of the greatest Importance.

Tho' I had a Right to these Papers, I should not have Published them without my Son's Consent; which I Have: But whether 'tis agreeable to his Own Judgment, or in deference to Mine, or pure Complainance, I cannot tell: He has from his Infancy accustom'd me to such an intire

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and That in so Obliging a manner, that I can never tell what his Real Sentiments Are, but by what I think they Should be: However having his Consent; and This being a proper Supplement to what I have already done, Especially because I have here made some Illustrations of, and Additions to what has been said in those Discourses; And moreover it being in it Self Useful, and Entertaining to all that Love the Arts, I was induced to make this Publication.

When I wrote my First Discourse 'twas All I then had the least Thoughts of, but it happen'd to be what ought to have been Begun withal, The Theory of Painting; in That I have laid down what I conceiv'd to be the Principles of the Art. My Second Volume was an Attempt to shew how to judge of the Goodness of a Picture, to know Hands, and to distinguish Copies from Originals; to which I added a Persuasive to this fort of Study. This indeed

deed is properly a Discourse on the Conduct of the Understanding, apply'd to Painting; and led me Naturally, and Unavoidably into a way of Thinking fuch as would have been necessary in a Philosophical Discourse upon the Conduct of the Understanding at Large; nor is there any Other way of treating the Subject as it ought to be treated; at least I know of none. And if here I fometimes Digress'd from my Subject of Painting, I did not from what was also my Bufiness, the Conduct of the Judgment. The present Treatise is to Set Before the Reader, and to Apply the foregoing Rules by Remarking Upon a Collection of Pictures, and Statues; and 'tis the Collection of the whole World, for the Principal things of this kind now in being are Describ'd, and Criticis'd, and fuch Notices of the Rest are added, (especially taking in what are interspers'd in my Other Discourfes) as may give a tolerable Idea of what the World possesses of the Works beed

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I have also in proper places given an Abridgment of the History of Our Art, and of the Lives of the Painters, with the Characters of the most considerable of them; All which has been done at Large by Other Hands.

My General Subject I have upon Several Occasions shewn to be worthy of all the Pains I, or a Better Hand Have taken, or Can take in treating it; and I know not any particular Branch of it that I have not Consider'd, and as Fully as it Ought to be: If any Other shall think fit to undertake it hereafter, he may supply the World with fomething Better; he may Know more, or be Otherwise better qualified as a Writer: But This is All I have been capable of doing: I am Exhausted as to This Subject, whatever the Subject it felf may be thought to be.

I am never like to be of any Confequence to the World unless in the way I am in as a Painter, and one en-

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deavouring to Raise, and Cultivate the Love of the Art by shewing its true Uses, and Beauties. This I have apply'd my self to as the great Business of my Life, next to what Religion, and my particular Obligations require. And what I have done in the Whole, as well as in what I now offer to the World, is in consequence of This sort of Ambition, and Benevolence.

We have Variety of Accounts of Foreign Countries, of their Religion, Government, Habits, Customs, Manufactures, and other Particulars, Italy amongst the rest as she is One of the most considerable Spots of Ground in Europe is Thus well known; but what she is very Remarkable for, and wherein she is Distinguish'd from all Other Countries in the World remained 'till Now undescrib'd, not only in our Own, but in any Other Language. There are indeed Catalogues of her Pictures, and Statues; as there are of every Figure in some of the Pictures: and there are Prints of many, and fome

fome Copies; but These are as the Names of Towns in a Map, or Views of the Places, neither of which, not even the Latter are sufficient to give an Idea of them: And if Some Writers have accompany'd their Accounts with Remarks they are mostly Extravagant, and Undistinguishing General Encomiums, or Notices of Particulars the least considerable. Or they have said what they Fanfy'd, not what in Reality was to be found: If These give more extensive Ideas than mere Catalogues they are False ones: Catalogues are of some Use, so are such Remarks as show what Ought to be, so far as they fo Instruct: For the rest they are Mischievous, as leading People into Mistakes, and a wrong way of Judging. We have gone in an Untrodden Path; and if we have given a Sufficient Account of these fine Things, or whoever else will be pleas'd to furnish the World with such a one a Defect will be remov'd, and we supply'd with what we ought to have had long ago.

As every Picture, Statue, or Basrelief, besides what it was intended to exhibit, leaves upon the Mind of him that fees it an Idea of its Self, distinguish'd from every Other of its Kind; he that would describe them should endeavour to communicate such Distinct Ideas. 'Tis true there are some things that Words alone cannot describe; but Words can go farther a great deal than Any I have yet met withal. They can tell not only that there Is such a Picture, and Where it is, but how Large, in what Situation, and in what Condition; what are the Thoughts, and how those Thoughts are Express'd; in short, what are its Beauties, and Defects throughout: And though the Colouring, Style of Drawing, Airs, and some Attitudes cannot be exactly describ'd, Something may be said of These too; and even to one that is Not a Connoisseur; but to Such a one the bare faying 'tis of fuch a Master gives an Idea of the most Undescribable of them; and efpecially

specially if it be added the thing was done in Such a Time, in Such of his Manners, and is in Such a Degree of Goodness of Him. If it can be Compar'd with some Work that one can have recourse to; or if there be Prints, Copies, or Drawings of the thing, These should by all means be referr'd to. Such a Description Well Made, and Carefully Attended to, may put a Reader Almost upon a Level with him that Sees the thing; and in a much Better Situation than thousands who fee without Judgment of their Own, or the Assistance of Others to show them what is before their Eyes.

We have endeavour'd Thus to defcribe fome of the most Considerable things my Son saw; Others of them have not been so Fully, and Accurately describ'd, as Sometimes not having had Means, or Opportunities to do it; but Chiesly from pure Choice, to avoid Tediousness, and Repetitions. A great many Fine things are but just Mention'd, tho' writing Catalogues is

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not to our Taste; but This we have done as it helps to give an Idea of what is to be feen in fuch, and fuch Places: These, after Those which were more Largely spoken of, were what step'd out of the Crowd, and Touch'd my Son most; whether by a certain Degree of Goodness, or for their Rarity, or other Particularity. There is in Italy such a Multitude of Sculptures, and Paintings, that 'twould be Endless to Take, and Give an Account of All, even of those that are really very Good; Those that have been There, and with a Taste for these Things, will remember many they have seen of which here is no Notice taken. My Son took large Notes of what he saw in Holland, and Flanders, but little more than a Summary Account is given of These. To have done otherwise than we have done would have been too great a Drudgery for Us, and too Tiresome to our Readers; and our Book would rather have been of that fort that one re-

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We have referr'd to Prints as often as it occurr'd to us that there were fuch of the things we have mentioned; but as we are Not very converfant with Thefe, those that Are will find that those References are not so frequent as they might have been: And if My Collection is oftner mention'd than any Other, 'tis Only because we are better acquainted with It than with any Other. This I hope People of Good Sense, and Candour would have believ'd, whether I had Thus guarded against Reflexions on This Article or not; however I thought it might be proper to do it: Ostentation, or some such Conceal'd Motives, would have prompted us to have found Opportunities enough to have manag'd This matter very differently from what we have done.

The terrible Circumstance that appear'd at Marseilles whilst my Son was abroad, and which so justly a-

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larm'd all Europe, prevented his seeing Naples, Venice, Genoa, and some Other Places well worth feeing; and forbad his Return to Paris, to which he referv'd the Sight of many fine things There; and a more Particular, and Exact Confideration of what he did fee. Some Common Accidents depriv'd him of the Pleasure he would have had in seeing, and remarking upon Some things, chiefly the Holy Family of Raffaele in the Royal Collection of France. At the Escurial, and in many other parts of Europe, are many Excellent Pictures which my Son never intended to visit. But tho' he had feen All he Defign'd, or even All that are to be feen, the following Account would have been little other than it Is; some few Additions indeed there would have been, and but Few, and Those not of the most Excellent Things in the World, (I must except that of Raffaele just now mention'd) for notwithstanding their great Eclat, I don't take the Works of Titian, Tintoret, larm'd

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Tintoret, and Paolo Veronese to be of That Class; and those Places my Son was Prevented from feeing are Chiefly remarkable for the Works of Thefe, or of Inferior Hands, whose Principal Characters are what are Least to be Describ'd, and the Least Considerable in Painting, the Pencil, and Colouring: but they give no Such Ideas as what we have from the Best Masters of all the Other Schools; Their People (Generally speaking) neither Look, nor Act with that Grace, and Dignity, as those of Raffaele, Mich. Angelo, Giulio, Correggio, Guido, &c. As for Statues there are fo few belides Those of Rome, and Florence, that I believe Enough has been done as to Them; unless it be by Larger, and more Learned Discourses than We can make, and Such as is rather the Business of Antiquaries than Ours,

But whatever my Son Miss'd the Sight of, he Saw a great deal more than we thought fit to take notice of in these Papers, and that for another

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Reason than has yet been intimated; And amongst These Some are omitted, which he that takes his Ideas of from what he may happen to Hear, or Read concerning them, will expect we should not only have Mention'd, but Applauded. There are great Works of This kind, as well as Single Pictures; such are those of Vafari, the Zuccaroes, and some others the Vatican, those of Josepin in the

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The Abatements we have made from the Common, receiv'd Opinion with relation to Some Celebrated Works may be Censur'd. We Expect it: And yet 'twill be very Unreasonable. We have often complain'd, and justly, of the Superficial Accounts we have had of these Things: and that they are little other than Catalogues, or Panegyricks; We pretend to give a more Distinct Idea of them; 'tis therefore we write. If That be Allowable, or Commendable, the Freedom we have taken is So too, for 'tis a Ne-

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a Necessary Consequence of it: The great Men who to the Honour of Humane Nature have Bequeath'd these Works of Theirs to Posterity were yet but Men, and Fallible as Such. And 'tis no Presumption in Us to say they were fo, and Wherein; especially confidering 'tis much Easier to say what a Picture Ought to be, than to make Such a one: Should Others go upon Our Plan in Considering these Works They would do as We have done; though as all are Fallible we should not Always Agree in our Remarks; We should be Right sometimes, and fometimes Mistaken; and so would Those be who should assign the particular Instances wherein we were So.

But after all We do not differ from the General Voice, or Other Writers, so much as it may be thought at First Sight; for if we were to give an Account at large of any of these things, we should say as Others do that 'tis Fine! 'tis Admirable! Or if we would raise our Style, and Italianize a little,

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we should call it Miraculous! Divine! or any thing: There are many Instances of this kind in the following Sheets, when we have not thought fit to descend to particular Remarks. A Picture, or Statue may be Excellent in the Main, notwithstanding Some Defects. However when we do Indeed differ from Others, our Reasons will appear where we have thought it Proper, or it has been Practicable to produce them, and then the Reader may judge of Those; where That has Not been done we hope he will give us Credit as we shall be found to Deserve it.

I believe my Son has taken great Care as to Facts, and that there are as few Mistakes of That kind as can be expected; for there are a vast number of Particulars, and Those seen many times under great Disadvantages in Several respects. The Remarks have been Consider'd, and Review'd with the utmost Care, but There too we may be Mistaken. However there are

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no Wilful Misrepresentations: And what Prejudices we have are in favour of the Works of those Masters we so often mention, and whose Names, and Memories are Dear to Us; as much so as to any who may happen to blame the Freedom with which we have given our Judgments.

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Let me be permitted to add, that if any One says we have been Mistaken, it ought to be remember'd that (Cæteris paribus) His Ipse dixit is no Better than Ours, tho' he has Consider'd the Matter as Carefully as we have done, nor so Good if he has Not.

I flatter my self that the Principal Objection is that which is still behind, with the Answer to which I will finish this Preface; (I mean the principal Particular Objection; for as to the General one with relation to our Abilities for what we have undertaken, I must leave That Unanswer'd.) It will be said that the Time that my Son spent Abroad was too Short,

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When this is faid with regard to his Improving himself in Painting, we are prepar'd with an Answer to fuch of our Friends as are intitled to it, that is, Such as we would Consult withal, or which concern themselves in our Affairs in pure Friendship; but I ought not to trouble the Publick with That. If it be thought he had not time enough for the purpose of the following Account; and This is all a Reader (as Such) is concerned about, I freely confess it might have been Improv'd if he had stay'd much longer, or if we had Both gone together, and spent some Years upon it: But he stay'd long enough to collect the Materials for what you fee, and fuch as were chiefly wanted.

Whatever more Complete Work may appear in time to come the Publick has it not Yet: And Our having led the Way, and done more than Ought to have been Expected from Us (Considering we have other Business in the World) is some sort of

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Merit, at least it ought not to be imputed to us as a Fault that we have done no more; though a Lover of the Arts may Wish we had.

The Time my Son spent Abroad was indeed not Long, but he made

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He travel'd in a manner very Commodious, and Expeditious; and having an Excellent Constitution, Cherish'd, and Preserv'd by Temperance, he could endure a great deal of Fatigue, and after that with a very little Refreshment apply himself to the Business he went upon. One Morning in the Month of July he was on the Road by One o'Clock, Travell'd the whole Day in that Hot Season with the Intermission only of about two Hours at Noon; he then pass'd the Apennines, (a Rough, Tiresome way) came to Florence about fix in the Evening, faw a Procession in the Cathedral, the whole Service held about three Hours; then he went to his Inn, and after a very short Stay to the Opera,

Opera, (which begins there at that time o'Night,) the next Morning he was bufy in Seeing, and Observing what was Curious from one end of the Town to the other. He enter'd Rome about Noon, after having Travell'd all that Morning, and the whole preceding Night, and Day, and that in the time of the Heats, consequently without Sleep, That being Fatal in those Seasons in That Campagna; yet the Same Day he visited the Works of Raffaele in the Churches of S. Agostino, and the Pace.

Nor did he Excuse himself from Seeing, and taking Notes of what he Saw by Dissiculties, or Inconveniencies, nor even by some Dangers; and indeed his too much exposing himself to the Heat of the Sun not to lose time in the first two or three Days of his being in Rome, and till he had better accommodated himself brought a Fever upon him, of which however he soon happily recover'd.

Thus he Husbanded his Time: But

'tis not That Only that a Man spends in Doing any Work, All that it cost him in Preparing himself for it ought to be brought into the Account: Ciro Ferri was reproach'd as demanding an Exorbitant Price for a Picture, done as they said in three Days; You Mifake (says he) I was Fifty Years about it.

Whoever would Travel with Advantage ought to have the Languages, a competent Stock of Learning, and other Gentleman-like Accomplishments, Civility, Good Nature, Prudence, and a Becoming, and Infinuating Manner, to which Personal Agreeableness does not a little contribute: And before he fets out he ought to know as much of what he goes Chiefly to Observe upon, as can be learn'd at home: Add to all this a hearty Love for that particular Study; and proper Recommendations. Thus he will not only Judge Better, and more Readily of what he fees, but get easier Admission, and have greater Opportunities of feeing. If

If I should say my Son was Thus Prepared I might be suspected of Partiality, and Vanity, by Those especially that know him least: And I feel my felf so much a Father, and a Friend, that I should think it reasonable to suspect my Self if I did not know that he had from his Infancy, 'till he fet out spent his time in such a manner as if he thought These Voyages were to be the great Business of his Life, and that he was fitting himself for them; And if I was not confirm'd in my Opinion of him by the many Favours, and Advantages he had, and the continued Testimonies of Esteem he is still honour'd with by the most Illustrious Connoisfeurs Abroad, and indeed from All that know him.

But Whatever my Son's Diligence, and Qualifications Were, 'tis Certain that in proportion as They are Allow'd to have been what I Affert, or Intimate, the Force of the present Objection will be Diminish'd. Moralists say, and with

with great Reason, a Man may dye Young at Fourscore, and Old at Forty, according as he manages his Time: He may have been Long in *Italy* who spends but a few Months there; or come home too Soon, after having Liv'd there half an Age.



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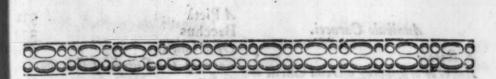
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ROTERDAM.

Monsieur FLINCK's Collection.

Quantity of Antiques, Busts, Basreliefs, and Figures: Pictures all Italian, except one or two of Rembrandt, one of John of Cleve, a Disc. of Raffaele, and

one of Rotenamer; two of Poussin, one of Poussin. which is exceeding fine, the Sacrifice to the Golden Calf, much larger than a Half-length long ways. Here is a Portrait, and a History (the Beheading of St. John) by Parmeggiano; Parmeggiano. St. Peter at Prayers, by Guido; a Half-length Guido. Portrait by Titian; Shepherds worshipping, a Titian. very Capital Picture, by Old Palma. With se-old Palma, veral others of Giorgion, Lodou: Carracci, &c. Guercino, Andrea Schiavone, Castiglione, &c.

DRAWINGS.

1.

His Collection of these is truly Noble, Numerous, and well chosen, of the Greatest Masters. He has very near 30 of Raffaele, some Raffaele. very Capital; particularly Constantine making an Oration to his Soldiers, painted in the Vatican. It has 16 or 17 Figures looking up at the

the Sign appearing in the Heavens; 'Tis a Folio, in Length, Pen and Wash upon a brownish Paper, Heightned, the White as if just done, and all of Perfect Preservation. This is that which was fold at Sir Peter Lely's Sale for 1001. Mr. Flinck has near 20 of Giulio Romano, about a

Paolo Veronese.

Primiticcio.

Parmeggiano. Dozen of Parmeggiano: One of these last is exceeding Capital, the Marriage of SS. 70 feph and Mary, the same as the Print: Pen, Wash'd, and Heightned; highly Finish'd. He has one of the most Capital and Perfect Drawings that can be feen, of Paolo Veronese; it has 98 Figures, and as many different Faces and Actions: "Tis the Story of the Feaft of Belthazar, upon a Greenish Ground, Wash'd, and Heightned; admirably Preferv'd. There is another like perfect Drawing of Primiticcio, only That has but 10 Figures: 'Tis of Hercules and Dejanira in the Grotto, in two feveral Beds, as preparing to celebrate the Feast of Bacchus, Figures with Lights, &c. He has other Capital Drawings of feveral Excellent Masters.

There are other Collections of Pictures at Roterdam: Those of Monsieur Meirs, Monfieur Van Besom, Madam Scheepens, Madam Van Bellen Lady of Wadinknfeen, &c. wherein are some few Italian Pictures, chiefly of the later Masters; two or three of the Poussin's; fome of the Borgognone, Le Sueur, Seb. Bourdon; and feveral of Van Dyck, Rubens, and o-

ther Dutch, and Flemish Masters.

Mr. Van Elmet has some few Antique Busts.

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Monsieur La Cour has a fine Collection of Dutch Pictures, all Capital; Dow, Scalken, Rembrandt, &c. and amongst these something of Rubens.

HAGUE.

Maison du Bois.
Some few of Van Dyck, Rubens, &c.

AMSTERDAM.

Mynheer Vander Schelling has several Pictures, but chiefly of Dutch, and Flemish Massers.

DRAWINGS.

Several fine ones of Raffaele, and Giulio Romano, but not many others of that Age, nor of the Best Masters, tho' some there are very Good.

N.B. Vander Schelling is fince dead, and his Collection dispers'd.

Monsieur Amory.

Has fome few good Pictures, Flemish and Italian; and a few Antiques.

DRAWINGS.

He has a small Collection, and two or three of Giulio Romano, as many of Parmeggiano; something of Lodouico, Annibale, Dominichino, &c. sew others of such Masters.

Monsieur TINKATRE.

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Several of Raffaelle, Giulio, Parmeggiano, Annibale, and other of the Best Masters, together with more of Inferior ones; but sew Capital, or very remarkable. Some there are; as one of Correggio, an Ascension, 9 Fig. Dark, Wash'd and Heightned. Highly Finish'd.

He has a Young Germanicus, an Antique Bust, with Casts from a great many of the Best Antiques; and two very fine Heads of Fi-

amingo.

Van Zomer has a vast Number of Drawings; I did not look over all the Books, tho' a great many I did. There are abundance of good Ones, and some of the Best Masters: But I saw none very Capital, or exceeding Touching, especially of such Hands.

ANTWERP.

In several Private Collections, as of Monsieur Bredau, the 'Chanoine de Lycht; the Chevalier Peeters, Monsieur de Wit, Signior Ferrari, Monsieur de Vos, &c. As also in the Chamber of the Celveniers near the Meer, the 'Church of the Beganes, and in several other Churches are many Good Pictures, chiefly of Rubens, and Van Dyck, and other Flemish Masters. But there are some sew Italian: A sine Head of Correggio of a Madonna looking up, Prosile; Bright and Beautiful, the Colouring of which made a vast Impression on me at first Sight, and I shall ever retain the Idea of

Correggio.

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Correggio.

of it. A b St. Peter, and a c St. Francis at Prayers of Guido, &c.

Guido:

DRAWINGS.

Monsieur de Vos has good ones, especially of Rubens. Several Italian; a fine one of a Figure on Horseback by Raffaele; one of Gin-Raffaele. lio, the Horatii and Curiatii in the Pal. of T. Gorreggio, one of Correggio, a St. John Baptist, &c. Correggio

BRUSSELLES.

Here are several Collections of Pictures, as of Monsieur Ferrageau, Monsieur Verwort, Monsieur Cobart, Monsieur Lemons, &c. consisting of some sew Italian Pictures, and many of Van Dyck and Rubens, with other Flemish Masters; not without some of Poussin, the Borgognone, &c. But the Best Collections here are of Monsieur Fraula, and his Son; who besides many good ones of the Best Flemish Masters, have several very sine Italian Pictures; together with some of Poussin, and the Borgognone.

A Prasepe of Raffaele, highly finish'd in Raffaele.

small; the Light comes from the Child.

Two of Giulio Romano, one a Bacchanale, Giulio Romahe other Cupid and Psyche, drawn by two no. wans, guided by little Loves, &c.

A most Capital Picture of Albani: God the Albani. ather supporting his Dead Son, 9 Angels, and

Cherubims, &e.

A Madonna by Parmeggiano; an Angel is Parmeggiana. ulling down Palm-Branches; 'tis about one oot iquare.

A Riposo, by Annibate.

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A very Capital Picture of an Angel wor-Annibale: shipping the Dead Christ, by Annibale. A Fortune, as big as the Life, by Guido; ve-Guido. ry Beautiful, and an Excellent Picture. Another of Raffaele, but his first Manner; Raffaele. 'tis a Refurrection, five Soldiers are afleep. Holy Family of Pouffin, as big as the Life: Pouffin. an Excellent Picture. The four Ages, by Guercino; very Fine. Guercino. A Nymph pursu'd, whom Diana covers Carlo Maratwith a Cloud: an Admirable Picture of Carlo Maratti. The Thought is Delicious. ೮c. The LOUVRE. Some of the Principal Pictures. David playing on his Harp, and two An-Dominichin. gels on his Left-hand; the same Tast as the St. Agnes of this Master, at St. James's. Four Musicians. Ditto. The Marriage of St. Katharine; his finelt Titian. Manner. Francis I. a Profile; Half-length, Ex-Ditto. ceeding fine. He has an Ermin Cap on, without any Ornament. Painting: My Lord Burlington has one of Guido. the fame; there is another at Sir Henry Oxenden's in Kent. D. Ormond, three Quarter and Hand; Ex-Van Dyck. ceeding good. Correggio. Nymph with a Quiver afleep, uncover'd by a Satyr; two Cupids also asleep, marvellously colour'd, but Incorrect; of a Size between a Half-length, and Whole-length. A Young Man's Portrait, mighty natural, And del Sar-Virgin, and exceeding fine.

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Virgin, Christ, and St. John; my Father Pel. da Mod. has the Drawing.

St. Cecilia playing on the Fiddle, an Angel Dominichin.

holds the Book; fame Manner as those above.

St. Margaret, same as the Print in D. Leo-Rassacle.

pold's Gallery. A very dark Picture, not extremely good, nor his last Manner. The Pi-Lionardo da cture of which my Lord Pembroke has a Vin.

Drawing: A Madonna holding the Christ, and the Christ a Lamb. I have seen several of these, but none that pleased me, they are all of a hard, stiff manner, and not good. Probably they are all, or some of them at least, of Luini. I have seen several of him much in this manner which are in the Style, but Inserior to those of Lionardo.

A Saint between 2 Angels, Heads and Shoul-Ditto. ders; about the Bigness of a three Quarter, extremely fine, but his usual darkish Colouring. This has a Delicacy which the other has not.

The Virgin, Christ, St. Elizabeth, and St. An. del Sarto. John, in a Round, exceeding fine; the same,

or near, as the Print.

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Isabella Clara Eugenia, the same as that of Van Dyck,

the Duke of Devonshire's; Original too.

The Virgin and Christ in the Clouds in a Rubens. Heaven of Angels, a large Altar-Piece; a Bright, Noble Picture.

The Gallery.

The Witch of Endor; the finest I have e- Salvat. Rosa. ver seen of this Master; the Expression of Horror and Witchery is in Persection.

An Old Woman telling a Young one her For-Old Palma.

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tune; wondrous fine! The Cunning and Cheat of one, and the Folly and Credulity of the o-

ther, is admirably express'd.

The Woman taken in Adultery, painted ve-N. Pouffin. ry Strong, and finely Colour'd; a Yellowish, warm Tinct, not in the least Fade, or Hard, as

the Sacraments (the Regent has) are.

The Baptism of Christ, where is the Woman Ditto. that kneels as in the Sacrament of Baptism; the Best Colouring.

Clorinda coming to the Shepherds, from Ditto. Taffo; his Fade Colouring.

The Canaanitish Woman; finest manner. Ditto. The four Seasons, very fine; but the Figures Albano. fomething Hard against the Ground, which is a Fault very common with this Master.

Holy Family. Tilian.

Pouffin. Moses found; of the Best and Gentilest Style of this Master.

St. John. Carlo Marat.

Dominichin.

Poussin.

Two or three other Pictures, very good. Ditto.

Finding Mofes, very good. Paulo Veron.

The Spies bringing the Grapes, his best man-Pouffin. ner: My Father has two Drawings of this.

Four Figures, Bright manner, well preferv'd. Giorgion. Several Portraits. Van Dyck.

> Eneas carrying Anchifes, with Crenfa: Divinely fine! the Creusa has her Head wrapt up, which has an excellent Effect. They all walk in a Hurry; and little Aftyanax runs in a Fright, finely express'd.

> Time taking up Truth; as the Print, 'tis a Cieling in a Round, but much spoil'd by Rain.

The French Academy.

A Madonna; Size a finall three Quarter. Lion: da Vin, A Woman's Portrait, said there to be Chri-van Dyck, stina Queen of Sweden.

Collection of Monsieur CHATIGNARET.

A Portrait 4, a Man with his Hand in his Annibale Car. Bosom, Black manner, but a fine Picture.

A fine Madonna, well preserv'd. seb. Piombe.

Venus fitting, and a vast Number of Cupids; Albano. they have the Arms of Mars, and some come to the Goddess to shew themselves dress'd in them; some are putting on the Helmet, &c. very fine.

Two Landskips; Great Style, finely Co- Annib.

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Two other Landskips. Campagnolo.

A Salutation, St. Mary, St. Elizabeth, and Baroccio. four Figures; his fine gentile manner.

A Crucifix, Magdalen at the Foot of the P. Veron.

Cross.

A Holy Family.

A Post-man standing in a Landskip, with a Titian.

Dog by him; a very large Picture, Wholelength, very finely painted.

St. John.

Gio. Bellini.

Monfieur CROZAT's Collection.

Centaurs and Lapithe, a Frize in Colours Pordenone. feveral Foot long, and two Foot high, as fine as Polidore.

So call'd here: a Ritratto, the fame that Sir Giorgion. Thomas Hanmer has, call'd Dom. Beccafumi.

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I have seen two others, one in the Duke of Florence's Apartment, next the Gallery in the Palace Pitti; and the other in the Gallery of Dusseldorp. See the Notes of those Palaces.

Raffaele.

Cardinal Pole, Half-length, he fits in a Chair, large Beard, dress'd in White, with the short Red Cloak, and a Cap on: The Attitude Graceful, and Noble; Colouring Brownish; a very fine Picture.

Scarcellino da Ferrara. Holy Family; the Tast is a kind of Mixture of Vanni, and Parmeggiano; a good Picture.

Parmeggiano.

A Saint in White upon her Knees, very Graceful, and full of Devotion, well colour'd; a Delicacy as in his Drawings.

P. Veronese.

A Dead Christ supported by Angels; Graved by Ag. Carrats.

Pordenone.

Two other Frizes as that above, but other Subjects.

In the Room built in Imitation of the Tribunal of the Great Duke.

Mich. Ang. Dan. da Volt. A Model of the Moses, in Clay, small. Young Hercules killing the Lyon, a Model.

The Torfo of the Belvedere.

Fiamingo.

Antique.

A Cybele, or else the Tutelar Goddess of Paris, which the ancient Gauls represented much as a Cybele. This was found under one of the Gates of Paris.

P. Veron. Mich. Ang.

Rinaldo and Armida, a Model, Clayl Another of a Dead Christ: My Father has the Drawing, only the Legs wanting.

ntomas Hanner has, call'd Dow. Roccafumi.

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In this Room are several other fine Things, besides the

DRAWINGS.

The Battel of Constantine, Pen, Wash'd and Rasfaele, Heighten'd, well preserv'd; the White much the same Pencil as my Father's St. Joseph.

This appears to be undoubtedly right upon a nice Observation of the Feet, Hands, Airs of the Heads, &c. 'tis about 18 Inches long, and 12 broad: Of such Perfection, that every Part is done with equal Care as any one Figure, or Air of a Head: tho' 'tis not so highly Finish'd, as that the Particularities of Arms, Armour and Ornaments are inserted; those are left to be done in the Painting. 'Tis in a Frame with a Glass.

This Drawing, which I believe may be confider'd as the most Capital in the World, was at the Head of the Collection of Count Malwasia, who speaks of it in the Life of Antonio Carrache; it came afterwards to Signior Boschi of Bologna, whose entire Collection Monsieur Crozat bought in his Passage thro' Lombardy. Bellori in his Description of this Picture, makes use of this Drawing (and the Authority of Andrea Sacch. as to the Originality of it) to decide the samous Question, whether Rassacle had given the Design of it, or Giulio had painted it of his Own Invention.

The Woman in the Incendie del Borgo car- Ditto.
rying the Pitchers, Red Ch. Dr. Mead has a
Drawing of this Figure, Pen and Wash.

The Holy Family of the King of France, Ditto. Sketch, Red Ch. but the Virgin is finish'd.

Dante

Dante in the Parnassus, broad Pen, a very Ditte. fine Drawing. A Madonna, Christ, and St. John, extreme-Ditto. ly good; and on the back fomething as bad as the Slave pulling the Thorn out of his Footon the back of the Drawing of the Camillus my Father has of this Master, but doubtless of Raffaele; which also is the Judgment of Monfleur Crozat. Madonna fitting, holding the Christ in her Ditto. Hand, he standing by her; a large Reed Pen, extremely fine. Isaac upon his Bed with Jacob and Esau. Ditto. A Boy kneeling as big as the Life, a Carton, Ditto. Bl. Ch. A Young Man, half Fig. as big as the Life, Guido. Bl. Ch. Salutation, Virgin, and St. Elizabeth, feve-Tim. da Urbin. ral Angels in the Clouds, Romulus and Remus taking the Augury, the Parmeggiano. fame as my Father's, but more finish'd. Apollo kiffing his Master Linus, Calliope Giulio. behind a Tree, with her Finger on her Lips. The Battel of Turnus and Aneas; Diana Ditto. in the Clouds, ten Fig. a beautiful Drawing. The Original of that done by Rubens, which Ditto. Mr. Roffe has: Fame crowning a Conqueror in a Chariot. Raffaele. Figures Towing; the Original from whence

Battista Franco did that my Father has.

Pen and Wash.

Giulio Rom.

The Magi, a large Drawing, his usual man-

ner, but not very touching, highly finish'd,

Apollo and Marsias, large, the same as my Ditto.

Father's; a fine Drawing.

Monsieur Crozat has about 60 Drawings of Correggio. Correggio, the most Capital of which is Wash'd and Heightned, as the Notte my Father has. This (as fome others) is pasted into Pastboard, and cover'd with Ifinglass, which preserves them without taking off any of their Beauty or Force.

Another Porto Folio, all of Raffaele.

St. Paul tearing his Garment, a Sketch only; on the Rev. is a Drawing of Alb. Durer.

A Thought for the Church of St. Peter's at

Rome.

First Thought for the School of Athens, Pen, Sketch; behind is a Study in RedCh. of feveral Fig.

Seven of the Heads in the Carton of giving the Keys; that of St. John Divine! and much

as the Carton. RedCh.

Toseph's Dream, different from that in his Bible, &c.

The Gallery.

A Magdalen in Extase in the Clouds, her Guide. Face encompass'd with Glory, and almost loft in, and united with it: the is fitting, an Angel by her. Rembrandt in a Drawing of the Last Supper my Father has, seems to have had the same fine Thought as Guido in this Magdalen; the Head of the Christ is as it were envelop'd with Brightness; 'tis almost hid, furrounded with Palpable Glory. Dark with Excessive Bright - Milton.

A Lady Half-length, a Portrait; her Left-hand Barocci. upon a Dog, her Right-hand hanging down, holding a Handkerchief: his usual Colouring.

> St. George, which was done for an Ancestor of my Lord Pembroke, and by him parted with to King Charles I. The Armour, and Feet of the Horse, poor; but the Airs of the Heads very good: Particularly there is a great Sweetness in that of St. George.

A Portrait of a Man, three Quarter, extremely fine, and well colour'd, with a prodigious Force; the best Monsieur Crozat had seen of this Master.

Rachel and Laban, a fine Picture, strongly painted, and well colour'd. On each fide of it Antiq. is an Antique Marble Head, (there are a few others in the Gallery) and over it is

A Portrait. Rubens. The Prudentia Divina, a finish'd Sketch And. Sacchi. for the large one in the Palace Barberini. O-

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ver this, A Portrait, fine.

Rembrandt. Lord Pembroke, a Portrait. Van Dyck.

Cardinal Pallavicino. Titian.

Raffaele.

Le Brun.

Mola.

Lot and his two Daughters; not very good. Albani. Over it

A Holy Family, well colour'd. Van Oeft. Holy Family, and St. Katharine. Old Palma. A Woman's Portrait. Over this, Rubens.

Two Antique Heads, one of Augustus, and the other of Anacreon.

These are some of the Principal Things of Monsieur Crozat's Noble Collection. As for his Drawings, he has of most of the considerable

ble Masters; Raffaele, Giulio, Parmeggiano; Correggio, Rubens, Van Dyck, and Poussin, pretty numerous: Few of L. da Vinci, Mich. Angelo, Batt. Franco, &c. many of the Carracci, and that School; as also of Barrocci and Paolo Veronese. In short, his Collection of Drawings is I believe the Greatest in the World; and though it has (as all other) many slight and many small things, all are Good.

Statute.

The French King's Pictures in Coypel's House.

The Senfual Man bound by the Passions correggio. (represented by several different Figures) and bitten by Remorse (Serpents) 'tis in Guazzo; near as large as a Half-length, much Heightned. At the bottom appears a Boy's Head, he is eating Grapes. 'This is particularly admirable!' twas an After-thought, for my Father has the Drawing, but without this Boy.

Heroick Virtue, the Fellow to it. A Miner-Ditto. va-like Figure, fits on a flain Dragon, holding her Helmet in one Hand, and a broken Spear in the other; Victory crowns her, and Angels with Musick: Both are over her Head. On one side is a Figure representing the 4 Cardinal Virtues, as having the Insignia of them all; on the other is a Woman with her Hand on a Globe, measuring with a Pair of Compasses, and pointing towards the Lontanezza; a Boy looks upon you, directing you to take notice of what she is doing. This may have several Meanings, which every one may chuse as he pleases.

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pleases. Both these Pictures are in the finest Style of Correggio. They have Looking-glass Plates before them.

Raffaele.

A Man's Portrait, a vast deal of Nature, but prodigiously hard, and black Colouring.

Ditto.

Another, colour'd like Titian.

Annihale.

The Silence, in Oil, very fine. 'Tis a Madonna, the Child being afleep in her Lap, the makes a Sign that there be no Noise to disturb

him; a gentile pretty Thought.

L. da Vinci.

The Focunda spoken of at large by Vafari in the Life of this Master. I consider d it with the utmost Attention, Landskip, and every Part, and find it the same as my Father's in every respect; the same Particularity in the Colouring of the Hands, as diffinguish'd from that of the Face: fo that at that distance I could remember no difference, nor can I tell which I fhould chuse.

Ditto.

The Belle Mareschalle is over this Picture, 'tis in Profile, and is the better Picture; more Fleshy, but not so highly finish'd. No Hands.

Parmeggiano.

The Marriage of St. Katharine, very excellent. There is St. Jerome in it, of which my Father has the Drawing.

Titian.

Madonna with the Rabber, as the colour'd Drawing my Father has.

Guercino.

St. Ferome and the Angel, the same as Dr. Mead's. Mr. Flinck has one too.

Several of the King's Pictures; and particularly that famous one of Raffaele, the Holy Family (of which my Father has the fine Copy) were in the Possession of the Duke d'Antin. These I could not possibly get a Sight of,

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tho'Mr. Crozat was fo kind as to go with me. The Duke was not in Paris, and had the Key with him.

The King's Drawings.

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A Book of which they boast much, said to Mich. Angele. be of Mich. Angelo.

Adam and Eve, Red Ch. the fame as the Bi- Raffaele, a ble.

Il Fattore.

Moses breaking the Tables of the Law, Pen, Wash, and Heightned, exactly the manner of my Father's Drawing of Joseph. This is afcribed to the Fattore.

A large Monument, with a Bas-relief of Confantine on Horse-back, the same Figure as in the Battel.

An Old Man writing on a Board that a Boy holds on his Head; undoubtedly right.

Joseph's Brethren taking the Cup out of the Sack, 12 Fig. undoubted.

A Madonna of Raffaele's fecond manner.

Abraham praying to God, his Back turn'd as in the Bible; a Drawing with a Pen, the fame manner as that of my Father where the Vesta is.

A St. Katharine, half Fig. and half as big as the Life, Bl. Ch. exceeding good.

The Head of the same Pope my Father has, very good; 'tis half as big as the Life.

Ganymede giving the Cup to Jupiter in the Feast of the Gods; Undoubted.

Another Book.

Two fine Figures, a Salutation, the fame The Fattore. manner

manner as those we ascribe to this Master.

An del Sarto. A fine Head, Bl. Ch.
Giulio Rom. A Woman asleep, fine.

There are about 100 Drawings in this Book.

Another Book.

The Tomb where are the four Cardinal Virtues; the King Kneeling at the top.

Parmeggiano. A fine little Figure.

Ditto. Another.

Ditto.

Mich. Angelo. A Head, Bl. Ch. very good. Correggio. A little Figure, very good.

Parmeggiano. Two Figures, fine.

Correggio. A Madonna Pope, Bp. fame as my Father's; Exquisite.

Mich. Angelo. A fine Sketch, Bl. Ch.

Parmeggiano. A pretty Sketch, both sides.

Another Book faid to be of Carrat's and his School.

Another Book.

Titian. A Feast, or Merry-making; Pen, admirable. Three Sheets of very large Paper.

Ditto. The fame kind of Subject.

Campagnolo. All the rest of the Drawings in this Book, which are very Numerous, are of Campagnolo, or Copies after him, or Titian.

Another Book.

fudas hanging upon a Tree, and his Purse hanging by him upon another Tree; the Purse hangs as if in Imitation of the Man, and the Strings as the two Legs.

Fifteen or fixteen fine Landskips.

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Another Book.

The Bacchanale of Farnese, but much al- Annibale. ter'd.

Bacchus upon an Elephant, and Ariadne Dino. standing at a distance on a Chariot: Several of the Figures the same as in this Story in the Farnese.

A Painter's Head, big again as the Life. Red Ditto. Ch. the same manner my Father has a small Profile of a Half-length, Painting; his Name not known.

There are feveral other good Sketches of Annibale in this Book.

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The Regent's Pictures.

First Apartment.

Over the two Doors two Madonnas, both Raffaele. of the fecond manner, but extremely fine.

Madonna and St. Joseph, same manner. Ditto.

Preaching of St. John; the finest I ever saw. Mola.

St. Francis at Prayers, the other Monk, and Dominich.

three Angels in the Clouds; Excellent.

The Virgin Sowing, St. Joseph at work, and Annibale. the young Christ helping him to strike a Line. If nothing farther was to be consider'd in a Picture than the Historical Truth, this might be a very good one; but there is a Choice of Truth as well as of Nature: A Portrait may be very Like, tho' the Man be represented as just come out of his Bed, or off a Journey, but such a Choice would be certainly wrong. The Humility and Poverty of our Lord's Circumstances, which the Gospel sets forth in order

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to excite proper Sentiments in Us, ought also to appear in Painting; but the Rules of the Art forbid what is too Low, and Vulgar. Painters indeed oftner err in the Other Extreme; That is no Excuse hower for a Fault on This side.

Raffaele.

The St. John in the Wilderness, big as the Life, vastgreat Style. I look'd upon it an Hour: 'tis colour'd like Titian, or Correggio. There is a Wood Print of it.

(Another of these is in the Great Duke's Collection at Florence; Which is best they dis-

pute.)

Ariadne, and Perseus, as big as the Life, his very best manner: Colour'd as fine as possible.

L. Caratts. Holy Family, and St. Katharine asleep; Excellent.

Holy Family, Size of a Half-length; Deli-

Called Raffa- God the Father supported by the four Evanele, Doubtful. gelists; very fine.

The Duke of Orleans, of which my Father has the Copy, by Bologne l'Ainé, the same Size, and finely Copy'd.

The Virgin washing Clothes, and Angels drying them as they fly about in the Air. St. Joseph is plucking Fruit for the little Christ. An Excellent Picture, tho' the Thought is odd. Diana, and the Nymphs with Calisto.

The Madonna with her Face put to the Child's: A Print of this. 'Tis a most celebrated Picture here; Doubtful.

Albani.

Giorgion.

Annibale. Correggio. H

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The Cabinet of the Tellow Bed.

A Woman reading to her Mother, while the Rembrands. Old Woman nods in rocking the Cradle where her Grandchild sleeps: The same Size as the finish'd Drawing my Father has, and exactly the fame, as far as a Drawing and Picture can be. All the good Properties of a Picture (of this Subject) are here in a very high Degree, and fome as high as one can conceive 'tis poffible to raife them. They are plain People, and in a Cottage; and Nature, and Humour must be instead of Grace, and Greatness; the Expression is exquisite; the Colouring warm, and transparent; a vast number of Parts put together with the utmost Harmony; and for the Clair-Obscure it may stand in Competition with the Notte of Correggio, or any other Picture.

In a Salon.

Over the Chimney, King Charles I. and his Van Dyck. Family.

Mars and Venus with Cupid, all Naked. Cangiasti. Extremely good, and well enough Colour'd; and there appears nothing of the Squaring that is feen in his Drawings.

Landskip with a Bark.

Annibale.

Portrait of a Man in Armour; great as Ti-Rubens.

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The next Chamber.

Beheading of St. John, big as the Life, seven Guido, Fig. a prodigious fine Picture.

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In another Room.

Pouffin.

The feven Sacraments in his Strongest, Warmest, Best Manner; the Expression very good: but those of Cav. Pozzo, the Inserior in other Respects, are rather Better in this. Perfectly well preserved.

Here are other fine Things of this Master,

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The Gallery of Luxemburg.

Rubens.

The History of Mary of Medicis by Rubens, is so well known by the Prints and otherwise, that a particular Description is unnecesfary. These Pictures are about ten Foot high, some more; Figures as big as the Life. The Colouring is of the Best of this Master, and holds well; only they are not so well Preserv'd as one would wish, the Rain having got in, and ran down, and lest its Marks on the Pictures; for they are painted on the Walls at the ends, and between the Windows on both sides of the Gallery; which has the other Furniture just as it was in the time of the Queen who built it.

FOUNTAINBLEAU.

Primaticoio.

These famous Works of this Master are almost spoil'd; the Colours off in a great measure, and the rest in many places hardly Visible. There appears however something of that Gentileness which was the Character of Primaticcio; but the Colouring Blackish, Bricky, and Disagreeable.

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Here are several Courts adorn'd all round with Antiques, tho' none particularly remarkable.

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The Monastry of the Dominicans.

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In the Refectory over a very high Door, is Lion.da Vinei. the famous Picture of the Last Supper, Figures as big as the Life; it is excessively ruin'd, and all the Apostles on the Right-hand of the Christ are entirely defaced; the Christ and those on his Lest hand appear pretty plain, but the Colours are quite faded, and in several Places only the bare Wall is left; that which is next but one to the Christ is the best preserved, (he that croffes his Hands upon his Breaft) and has a marvellous Expression, much stronger than I have seen in any of the Drawings. Armenini (who wrote about the Year 1580) fays, this Picture was half spoil'd in his time. That Story of the Head of the Christ being left unfinish'd, Lionardo conceiving it impossible for him to reach his Own Idea is certainly false, because one part of that Head which remains entire is highly finish'd in his usual manner. They have nail'd the Emperor's Arms over the Christ's Head so low that it almost touches his Hair, and hides a great part of the Picture.

Ambrofian Library.

Drawings belonging the Academy of Painting.

The famous Book of Mechanicks; the Dr. Dina are pasted upon large Imperial Paper; there

are 399 Leaves, and 1750 Drawings, all undoubted Originals, with Remarks and Explanations, writ with his Left-hand backward, but which one reads easily with a Glass they have for that purpose: The Hand throughout is the same exactly as that on a Drawing my Father has of him.

Tionardo.

Another Book confifts chiefly of Caricaturaes, or Droll-heads. I believe near 200, amongst which a very fine one of Artus, with the same Account under it as Father Resta's on the Drawing my Father has. Cav. Bened. Luti at Rome has one or two of Artus, the same Face, but all are in different Attitudes.

Here are five other Books of well chosen excellent Drawings, the Principal, or most remarkable of which are

Bern. Louino.

Three Boys, fine, like Lionardo.

Ditto.

A Head upon red Paper, same Taste.

Gir. da Carpi. Several Figures after Mich. Angelo, exqui-

Parmeggiano.

A Woman highly finish'd, neat Pen, red Ink.

Perine. A Figure, fine.

Raffaele-Age. Virgin in the Clouds and two Saints; Pen, Wash. Wh. Admirable.

Raffaele.

St. George, Bl. Ch.

Baccio.

Pordenone.

Three Figures, fine.
Fortune showing the way to Hercules; the

fame Defign my Father has.

An. Fontana, [thus written on.] Several Figures in a Vineyard; Le man propria de Messer Anibal Fontana intagliato

in Cristallo. Very good Pen.

Mich. Angele. Two Figures, Reed Pen, very fine.

Marriage

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Marriage of SS. Joseph and Mary; several correggio. other Fig. Chiaro Scuro, something heavy, but however very fine; one Foot and a quarter

long, and three quarters broad.

Dividing the Country by Lot; there is Jo-Raffaele or his shua fitting, his Hand under his Chin, the High School. Priest by him; a young Figure taking Lots out of a Jar, &c. as in the Bible; Pen, Wash and White. Ascrib'd to Raffaele.

Circumcifion, very fine.

Biagg. Bol.

The Piscina Mirabilis, the same my Fa- Ugo da Carpi. ther has, which is also ascrib'd to this Master.

Pope giving his Blessing to a Young Man; Pel. da Mod. several Figures, fine.

A Frize after Polidore, where they are carry- Base. Franco.

ing the Barrels: Innumerable Figures, Capital.

Play of Boys and Goat. [Pel. Modena Di Pel. da Mod. Conpagnia, so written on the Drawing in an old Hand.]

Two Heads, ancient manner, like L. da Vin- Cristofero ci, a little hard, but good: underwritten di Cristofero Scult.

Cristofero Scultore detto il Gobbo.

A fine Figure.

Baroccio.

Another.

Mich. Angel.

Ritratto di Franco Melzo [fo written] L. da Vinci

Ritratto di Franco Melzo, [fo written] L. da Vinci. Prof. red Ch. fame manner as a Prof. my Father has.

A Woman's Head, big as the Life; Bl. Lead Ditto. Pencil, Bl. Pap. highly finish'd.

More fine Heads; amongst which a most Ditto.

Psyche and the Eagle.

Giulio.

A Head, Bl.Ch. as good as Mich. Angelo; Cristofero. Written Cristofero Sol... Gobbo Scultore. Scult.

A Head,

A Head, Bl.Ch. prodigiously fine, highly finish'd.

Parmeggiano. A Figure a Foot long, Red Ch. fine.

Raffaele. Ganymede pouring out, the same Figure as in

Ganymede pouring out, the same Figure as in the Feast of the Gods. Origin simo; Red Ch.

B. Franco. A Capital Drawing.

Raffaele. Two Figures on Horfeback, second manner; Pen and Wash Divine.

Parmeggiano. A most Capital Drawing, nine Figures; unknown Story. Bl. Pap. Wash and Wh.

Correggio. Christ in the Manger; fine Clair Obsc. Pen, Wash, Wh. Divine.

Ber. Campi. St. John in the Wilderness, one Foot and a half long.

Fine Landskip.

Farmeggiano. Fine Drawing.

B. Band. Three Graces; Gentile.

Piomb. Ritratto di Mercanto Colonna, Bl. and Red Ch. bigger than the Life; Exquisite!

G. Romano. A Bottle with a Handle to it; the large part of the Bottle is the Belly of a Turk; the Head exquisite.

A. del Sarto. Two Figures, Bl. Ch. Admirable.

A. Mantegna. Copy of the Bark of Giotto.

Fr. Barrol. Monk's Head; the best I ever saw of him.

Giulio. Continence of Scipio.

Another Drawing. Both the same manner as the Zeleuchus my Father has; exquisite.

Ditto. Several Boys in an Ornament; fine.

Two Angels a Foot long, Bl. Pap. Pen and Wash; fine.

Several Old Drawings, and others, but none besides these very considerable.

Paintings

Paintings belonging to the Academy, and in the Room next to the Library.

Duchels of Milan; Prof. fine. L. da Vinei:

Six fine Pictures.

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Though A. del Sarto.

A Canon of Pisa; Bellissimo. there is a Beauty in the Tout-ensemble of the History-Pictures of Andrea, and a certain Grace in his Figures, yet not having a remarkably Good Expression, and such a Modern Tafte, particularly in his Draperies, it were to be wish'd he had apply'd himself more to Ritrattoes, for which Nature feems to have defign'd him.

Prodigal Son and his Father; good Tafte. Cav.delCairo.

The famous Picture of Christ washing his Rasfaele, so Disciples Feet, which they say was begun by said to be. Perino, and finish'd by Raffaele. Figures as big as the Life. It is very good; but I am afraid 'tis not of Raffaele.

Virgin adoring Christ; Exquisite.

A Capital Picture.

A Portrait: Fides Gallicia Virgopudiciffi- Fed. Gallicia. ma, Æt. 18. opus hoc Frat. Pauli Morigii simulacrum An. 72. grati animi ergo affinxit, An. 1596. Nature! Admirable!

Virgin Mary, Head and Hands big as Life; Scipio Gaetan. neat, and good Taste.

Giorgion Singing, and other Musicians. Giorgion.

DRAWINGS.

Three Drawings in one Frame, viz. Feast.

Three Figures, fine.

P. Veron.

F. Barrocci.

A. Mantegna.

A fine Drawing. Alb. Durer. Baroccio.

Two fine Pastiles.

Gio. Batt. del

A Drawing in a Frame and Glass; (with a Dog at the bottom of it, which they fay healways put in his Pictures,) 'tis of a very good Taste, and seems to be of the School of Raffaele.

Luc. Oland.

Several Drawings upon Glass.

In the next Room.

Casts of all the best Antique Statues.

Raffaele.

The Carton for the School of Athens, Bl. Ch. I believe 'tis right: It was at fo great a distance that I could not be Certain, but I think I had never feen any thing finer: 'tis pretty well preferv'd.

P. Perugino.

By it is another large Carton; Great Tafte, and not Stiff.

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MODENA.

In the Church of St. Margaret of the Cordeliers.

On the Right-hand of the Altar of this Church is an Opening as into a Room, which if you would go into, you must climb as at a Window; for this Room is but to be Look'd into.

Correggio.

Here is the Virgin supported by the three Mary's at the foot of the Crucifix between the two Thieves in Terra Cotta, (See Vidriani.) These Figures are made, and beautifully colour'd in their proper Colours by Correggio himself, as some of the Ancients are said to have painted their Statues. They are marvelloufly fine. The

The Crucifix and Thieves, and several of Begarelli. the Apostles which are here also are of Terra Cotta, and painted; these are of Begarelli.

PIACENZA.

In the Church of the Benedictines.

A Madonna.

Raffaele.

PARMA.

The Dome, where is the famous Cupola of Correggio. Correggio, is as big as St. Paul's in London: This Cupola is fo high that 'tis difficult to fee it very exactly. The Virgin is about the Centre of it, and something damaged; the rest is well preferv'd, and the Colours very beautiful. The Heaven is a'top, the Apostolick Figures round the bottom of the Cupola; and as 'tis fupported by four Pillars which are join'd by Arches, these make Angles, in which (as I remember) are painted the four Saints with Angels in the Clouds. One of these (the Saint 70hn) my Father has the Drawing of, and the Drawings of half, if not two third parts of the Cupola; and of the Principal Figure, the Virgin, two in different Attitudes; one of which is that he refolv'd on. He has also some of the Apostolick Figures at the bottom looking up.

The Ornaments round the Cupola have not been Grav'd, where there are Angels, amongst which two or three are of the Hand of Correggio, which are comparable to the finest Greek Antiques; the Marble is imitated without Blackness in the Shadows, and with great

Tenderness.

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Parmeggiano.

The others are by Parmeggiano, and are Dry, compar'd with those of Correggio.

Monfieur Crozat's MS.

This Cupola being printed, is well known as to those Particulars of which Prints can inform us. 'Tis famous amongst other things for the fore-shortnings of the Figures, some of which are indeed Extravagant, and Ungraceful; the Principal of them the Blessed Virgin was once so design'd; the Drawing of it is one of those I spoke of just now: But nevertheless that Beautiful Colouring, those Joyous Countenances; that Angelical Air that shines through whatever Desects may otherwise be found in this great Man's Works, is what Gave, and will Preserve their Sublime Character.

BOLOGNA.

In the Palace Bonfiglioli.
DRAWINGS.

The Drawings here mention'd are some of those in Frames and Glasses hung in the Apartments; Signior Bonfiglioli has many more in Books, but he being out of Town, I lost the Sight of them.

Raffaele.

Slaughter of the Innocents, first lightly sketch'd out in Bl. Ch. and then finish'd.

Ditto.

Several Figures in Red Ch. manner of my Father's Zöroaster.

Agoft. Carr.

Two fine Heads, one of them his own Picture, which is the fame my Father has, and Mr. Flinck, and others have, and which is always call'd the Gobbo.

Guido.

A fine Drawing.

Another,

Another.

Feed my Sheep, an Excellent Design of Raf-Raffaele.

faele; Sketch Red Ch. manner of the Baptism
my Father has.

Holy Family, a most prodigious fine Draw- Annibale, ing! large Bl. Ch. heightned. Bl. Pap.

Polyphemus, much the Taste of Mich. An- Baccio.

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Fine Caricatura of Women.

Woman, Head Prof. with a Helmet, odd; Mich. Angelo, Reed, Pen, seems to be one of the Orlando Furiosos.

Madonna, Bl. and Red; Divinissimo.

Two or three fine Acad. Figures.

Ditto.

Eight Prodigious fine Heads, Red and Bl.Ch. Ditto.

bigger than the Life.

Madonna, fine Drawing.

Five other fuch Heads as above.

Madonna, noble.

Landskip.

Parmeggiano.

Annibale.

Annibale.

Another Room.

Madonna Lattante, half Life; Red and Bl. Correggio. Ch. Incorrect, Well preferv'd, Divine! A Carton Drawing in a Glass.

St. John, two Foot and a half square.

Fine Madonna, two Angels holding a Crown Guido.

over her Head; Drapery confused, one Foot

and a half long, a Foot broad.

Five Figures and a Cradle; two pointing up Giulia, to a Boy lying on a Ruin, Other Figures in the Sky, the same as one Dr. Mead has of this Master, and that of Biaggio Bolog. my Father has.

Abraham

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down the Lamb, manner of Jos. before Pharoah, (my Father's) fomething different from the Print.

Annibale. Slaughter of the Innocents; Pen, Wash. Wh.

The Design for the Triumph of Bacchus,
sketch'd, and shadow'd with Bl. Ch. and the Outline mark'd with a large Pen; sive Foot long.

Denying of Christ by St. Peter, several Figures; the manner of the Prodigal Son my Father has.

Circumcifion, still nearer to the manner of the Prodigal Son, and the very same Poverty in some Parts, both are undoubted.

Two fine Heads, larger than the Life, Red Ch.

Martyrdom of St. Watharine.

Martyrdom of St. Ursula, and 11000 Vir-

gins; fine.

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Batt. Franco. Valeria, &c. coming in the Camp to Coriolanus; a Frize two Foot long, call'd here Polidore, but 'tis after him; fine.

Parmeggiano. School of Athens, most exquisitely copy'd, and perfectly well preserv'd: Pen, Wash. one Foot and a half long, one Foot broad: 'tis in the same manner, lightly touch'd with a small Pen, as the Venus, Mars, &c. which my Father has.

Lod. Car. Nativity of St. John Baptist, Bl. Pen, Wash. Height. small Pen.

Nice. Abbate. Ornament. Women, the manner as my Father's yellowish Tint of this Master.

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A fine Riposo, St. Joseph, and several An-Correggio. gels. Pencil with Aquarella of Bl. Ch.

The Virgin carried to the Sepulchre, fine. L. Carr.

Another, fine, and in the middle of it (At-Ditto. taccato) is a Woman, fine Figure.

Parmeggiano.

Bacchante, and two other detach'd Figures, Raffaele. Red. Ch. manner of my Father's Zoroaster.

PICTURES.

A Picture in Oil: On the Fore-ground is the Parmeggiano. Mediation of the Sabin Women, the Men being engag'd in Battel with the Romans. At a distance, and (which had happen'd a good while before, see Livy) is the Rape of the Sabins. There is the Profile of an Old Man, of which my Father has the Drawing; and the three Women running away, of which he has also the Drawing; and which is without comparison finer than in the Picture, which is not agreeable. 'Tis as big, or bigger than a Half-length.

A Room full of Pictures, many of them Por- Annib. traits; but these are in a dark, historical manner, not very proper for Portrait-Painting.

In the Church of St. Giouanni del Monte Capella Bentivogli.

The famous St. Cacilia; Figures as big as Raffaele. the Life, and stands where 'twas first placed: it has never been removed since: There is the old, plain, Gold Frame, that seems to be what it had at first. 'Tis very well preserv'd, except a Line of about half a Foot in breadth quite cross the Picture, overagainst the Candles which

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are light up before it during Divine Service, and here the Colours are perfectly fry'd. At other times 'tis always flut up as in a Box. It is not in his last manner (as 'twas done several Years before his Death) but rather something Dry and Stiff, and the Tinct a little Dark. 'Tis not properly a History, but the Pictures of five several Saints; Of these St. Cacilia, St. Paul, and St. Mary Magdalen, stand next the Eye; she from whom the Picture is denominated in the midst; over her Head are Angels with Mufick, to which the feems attentive; thefe take up but little room, and enrich the Picture: In the two Spaces between these three Saints, come in the upper parts of St. John, and St. Austin. Perhaps these five Saints were the Patrons of those for whom the Picture was made, or for whom they had a particular Veneration: the Airs and Attitudes of each are Proper, and Beautiful, tho'to me that of S. Cacilia is least fo: they are all a little hard, and not elegantly drawn; but at a distance they are much fweeter, and the Colours are very fresh, and pleafing: So that upon the whole this Picture has a certain je ne sçay quoy that puts it with me on a level almost with any, hardly excepting the Transfiguration.

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I should have said above, that the Design is not altogether the same with the Print Marcantonio has graved, nor I think so good. There is not so much of that Noble Simplicity, more Musical Instruments at the Saints Feet; the Attitudes of every one of the figures are vary'd something: (St. Cecilia the least,

least) the Light comes in on the other side, &c.
My Father has a Remembrance of it by a Bad
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Over against this is the Rosary, a very Gay Dominiquin.

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Academia del Disegno.

Two Rooms painted much in the Michael Pol. Tibaldi. Angelo Taste; the Colouring not considerable, nor the Manner agreeable; though 'tis much esteem'd here.

In another Room.

An Antique Clay; a Bas-relief, a Model for Antiq. the Trimalchio supported by a Faun; the Legs broke off.

Palazzo Magnani.

A Frize round the Hall; proper Colours; not Annibale.

very touching.

A Cupid striving with a Satyr; in Fresco; Agostino. the best I have seen of him. As sine a Taste as that of Lodouisi, or any other Antique.

Pal. San Pieri.

A Dead Christ, the same Design entirely as Annibale. that at Poggio à Chiano, (of which my Father

has the Drawing;) this also is Original.

A Play of Boys; the most celebrated Picture Albani. of this Master in Bologna; 'tis a small Round: there is a fine soft Sky, and a little Nymphlike Figure lying along, and turning her Face kissing a Cupid. These Figures are in the Air, but no Clouds, nor any thing else to support

them; but being very Light and delicate on this Sky-ground, produces a lovely Effect; the Landskip is fost, and fine; the Boys throughout are colour'd as well as Correggio, and unite with their Ground excellently; tho' Albani is commonly inclin'd to a little Hardness and Stiffness in that Particular. The Large Pictures of this Master are the Reverse of his Little ones: the former are usually Black and Heavy, Hard and Stiff; whereas the other are more Soft and Delicate, tho' not to the degree of This; for even in these the Out-lines are usually cut against the Ground: His Pictures are bright and strong indeed, but this Fault hurts the Eye. This in particular is the Case of all those of this Master which the King of France has.

Chiostro di San. Michele in Bosco.

Gnido.

St. Benedict in the Defert; it is called La Turbantina, because of a Woman in the Picture with a Turband, a most graceful Air of a Head, and fine Attitude, and which is one of the best preserv'd, as the whole Picture is of any here. Tis in Fresco; the Colouring probably is chang'd from what it was, however that of this Picture, and in general of all in this Monastery, of whatever Master, is somewhat Bricky, and Thick, and consequently not agreeable. This Picture was almost perish'd in Guido's time, and restor'd by himself by re-painting it, as appears by an Inscription under it.

Massari, Brizio, &c.

Lodonico.

Most of the Pictures painted by Massari, Brizio, &c. are entirely perish'd: Those by Lodouico were well enough preserv'd, as to

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any other Decay, but they are all over scratched, and in some places the Eyes put out, and Peoples Names writ every where, even on the Faces. The finest of all those of Lodouico, is that of the Lascivious Women sent by the Florentines to tempt the Saint in the Garden, and it is the best preserv'd. The next to this, if it Lodonico. is not as fine, is the Mad Young Woman that runs to find the Saint, the Expression in her Face is wonderful.

That of Massari, when the dead Nuns come Massari. out of their Tombs to hear Mass, is I think as fine as that of Guido, or any of Lodonico.

Most of the other Pictures are so perish'd, that one cannot tell what else to say of them. There is a Book of the Prints of all these Works.

I will on this Occasion set down an Observation I could not make 'till afterwards; 'tis that (generally fpeaking) the Monks, as they know very little of Pictures, they are exceeding careless of them, so that those that are in Monasteries are for the most part horridly ill Another piece of Gothicism I must not omit, which is, that 'tis very common in Itaby to fee a fine Picture of the Blessed Virgin cut to let in a Glaring, Tinfel Crown over her Head to attract the Eyes of filly People, even though a Crown had been already painted; Thus I have seen the Arms of a God the Father, and a Christ that were crowning the Virgin half cut off, to make room for a vast great Crown of this foolish kind.

In the Church.

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Carlo Cigna-

Fine Boys supporting Cartels; Bright Colouring, and a Noble Style.

CERTOSA.

Guercino.

St. Bruno upon his Knees, with the Virgin above; 'tis a fine Picture.

Lodonico. Agostino. Christ Crown'd with Thorns, and Scourg'd. On the great Altar; the famous Communion

of St. Jerome. My Father has a Drawing of this in the manner of Guido, if 'tis not of him. There is also a Print of it: the Figures are bigger than the Life, the Colouring dark, but good; tis finely Painted, and has great Force. One Thought I cannot but take notice of, as particularly pleafing me, because 'tis not only Good, but not so Obvious as those Essential to the Story: A Monk hides himself behind other Figures, and is writing the Last Dying Words of the Saint. This finely expresses the Regard had to him, and the Importance of the thing.

On the Sides, over against one another, are

two Pictures.

Elif. Sirani. Gio. And. Sirani.

One the Baptism in Jordan, by Elisabetta Sirani; and the other, the Last Supper, by her Father. Her's is a strong Manner, something Dark, and in Spots, but some good Airs, and Attitudes. His is better.

In one of the private Chapels.

Lodonico.

The noble Preaching of St. John in the Wilderness: this was done presently after that of the Communion of St. Jerome by Agostino, and

and in a kind of Pique for the great Praise he had got.

A fine Picture of the Refurrection begun by Geff. Geffi, and finish'd by Albani.

In the Infirmary.

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S. GIORGIO.

The Baptism of Christ, with the Padre E- Albani. terno above, furrounded with Angels; a famous Picture; 'tis very Black. Indeed 'tis not in a good Light. However I think his Large Works are not his Best.

The Annunciation, a most Beautiful Picture, Lodonico. though Dark.

[Almost all the Pictures of the Caracci are Dark.]

The Virgin with the Christ, which a little St. Annibale. John embraces with great Tenderness, and a St. Katharine; a most excellent Picture.

A fine Prasepe in Fresco, a Noble, Bold Carlo Cignamanner, and Bright Colouring, which is the "".

general Character of his Pictures.

The Baptism of Christ, with God the Father Annibale. above, furrounded with Angels. 'Tis the first of his Works in which he was affifted by Lodouico: A Noble Composition, and well Colour'd.

St. George and the Dragon, with St. Michael Lodonico. falling upon the Rebel Archangels, and God the Father above in the Clouds: A most Miraculous Picture! But the Lady that flies in a Fright has the most Noble and Gentile Atti-

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rude imaginable; dress'd all in White. In this Picture are two several Subjects, but subordinately managed; that of St. George is the Principal apparently, and of That the Lady is upon the Fore ground, and immediately commands your Attention; she (as I said) runs away, she is in a fright, her Back is towards you, but her Head turning over her Shoulder, shows a Profile exquisitely beautiful, and with a fine Expression. The Figures are as big, or bigger than the Life, and consequently 'tis a very

large Picture.

There are feveral great Examples of this. Doubling the Action in a Picture; as that of the Mediation of the Sabin Women, and the Rape, which was a great while after, by Parmeggiano before spoken of; several parts of the Story of the Prodigal Son I have feen in one Picture by Titian; and of Joseph in one of Andrea del Sarto; even the famous Transfiguration by Raffaele, and the Delivery of St. Peter of the same great Master, are of this Kind; but this of Lodonico is the most remarkably Licentious in this Particular of any I remember to have feen. Some Reasons there might be for thus breaking the Unity of Time and Action, but none can justify it in General, for 'tis certainly choqing; 'tis like hearing two People talk to you at once; it divides the Attention, and takes off much of the Pleasure to be had from a Picture, by a fort of Perplexity this must necessarily occasion.

The St. Guglielmo; prodigiously strong, and finely colour'd, (the Lights) but the Shadows

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and ws are are gone Black; perhaps they were too much fo at first. 'Tis a vastly large Picture, my Father has the Drawing of the upper part of it; where is a Madonna, Angels, &c.

The Capuchins on the top of the Mountain beyond St. Mich. in Bosco.

One goes ascending from Bologna to the Monastry of St. Michael through a fine Wood, where one commonly sees a Monk or two reading, or at Prayers, or bolting out of a Thicket. The Capuchins is still higher, and the Prospect nobler; for from their Garden is seen all the flat Country of Bologna that looks like a Sea, and the City appears almost under you. The whole Country is scatter'd with little Towns and Villages, and the Prospect terminates with the Mediterranean.

Here is the famous Crucifix, one of the most foof any in this World; there is only the Christ, the Virgin, and St. John, which last is a most celebrated Figure, and much the same as one of Agostino Caracci, of which my Father has a Drawing. 'Tis in a Sacristy behind the Church, the Figures as big as the Life. There is a proper Solemnity in the General Tinct of the Picture; but withal a Brightness, Strength, and Beauty in Perfection. The Body of the Christ has a most exquisite Sweep, and the St. John looks up upon him with an Air, and Attitude of Sorrow, as fine as can possibly be imagined.

FLORENCE.

The Dome.

Sancta Maria del Fiore; this Church is half as big again as St. Paul's in London, as Galileo the Great Dukes's Architect affured me, having the Measures of both. The Cupola built by Filippo di Ser Bruneleschi is the largeft, and the utmost Stretch of Art in its kind that ever has been produced in the World 'Tis painted by Frederico Zuccaro, of whom my Father has the Drawing of three of the Divisions, the whole being divided into eight: The Thought is fine, and given him (as 'tis faid) by one D. Vincenzio Borghini: On the top in each Division are Angels, with some of the Instruments of the Passion, and a Heaven at a distance, as well as near the Eye, where fit Saints remarkable for certain Virtues; over their Heads is held by Angels Books open, which may be supposed to be the Records of their Good Works; under these Saints sit three Figures reprefenting the feveral Virtues; under these, and at the bottom of the Cupola, are the Damn'd Tormented according to their feveral Vices, feverally reprefented by fome Beaft, or Monster; and over their Heads an open Book is also held, but by Devils, their Accusers: there are more Figures about the Circle of the Lantern by Giorgio Vasari. The Cupola is fomething Dark, and the Painting not very Touching. The Tribunal is a large Chapel in the midst of the Church, built of Marble, and adorn'd all round with Bas-reliefs

F. Zuccaro,

Vafari.

of almost all the old Florentine Masters, Donatello, Bruneleschi, &c. 'tis Multangular. The Sculptures are only of one Figure, but almost every one by a different Hand. At the Head of this Tribunal is the High Altar, with God the Father holding a Dead Christ, larger than the Life, of Baccio Bandinelli; and be- B. Bandinelli, hind the Altar is his famous Adam and Eve: the is taller than her Husband. There are many more Statues and Paintings in this Church. I was particularly pleased with Dante's Picture done by Andr. Orgagna; he is Andr. Orgagreading, and walking in the Fields by his own House, a View of Florence at a distance; extremely well preferv'd, and of a lively Colouring. I believe this is the most Authentic Portrait of that Poet, and has entirely the fame Face as the Drawing my Father has. The Baptiftery was a Temple of Mars, now 'tis dedicated to St. John Baptist. Here are the famous Gates of Lorenzo Ghiberti, which Mi- Lorenzo Ghichael Angelo faid deserv'd to be the Gates of berti. Paradife. The Church has three Entrances, the Gates of the Principal of these were made by Andrea Pisano: Lorenzo was afterwards And. Pisano. employ'd to make those for another; and lastly, those of Andrea were remov'd to make room for others, by Lorenzo: they are very large, all of Brass, of a very high Relief; some of the Principal Figures being almost round: the Brass is almost turn'd blackish, excepting where it has been accidentally rubb'd, as below, where Peoples Clothes are continually brushing against it. The Gates of Andrea are in

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in the Gothic Style of his time; but the other are of a much better Taste than one wouldexpect to find in a Work 100 Years before Raffaele. There is a little Gothicism in the Draperies, but the Naked has a Beauty and Excellency like the Antique, not much Inferior to Mich. Angeloin Any thing, and of a Purer and more Pleasing Style: One Pair of these Gates is divided into 20 Squares, in each of which is a History of our Saviour, with Ornaments and Borders round them; and at the bottom the four Evangelists, and the four Doctors of the Church: the other, and which was the last done, is divided into ten Squares, in each of which is four Stories of the Old Testament, relating however to one another. The Borders of these are full of Figures, and Ornaments, and more Rich than those of the other Gates. See farther in Vafari, and Cinelli, which last Writer fays, and I think with Reason, E di vero queste due Porte di Lorenzo se si vedessero di rado, e non ad ogni ora, come avviene, egli non hà dubbio che non fossero a ragione tra le più pregiate maraviglie del mondo annoverate. These Gates were made in Imitation of those ancient ones of the Dome of Pisa of Bonanno Pifano, though the Work of those is extremely rude and Gothic; It appears by the Inscription that these were made in one Year, viz. 1180.

The Great Duke's Gallery.

'Tis on the upper Floor of the Palace, a vast Height from the Ground; very light, Windows on both sides in some parts.

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Otho, wants the Nofe. Rare, because there are very few of him, and those as this, not

good, being all done in the Provinces.

Bacchus, the Statue which Mich. Angelo Mich. Ang. made in Concurrence with that fine Antique Rolli: 46. one which stands near it, and then broke off the Hand, and pretended it to be an Antique just dug up; one sees evidently where 'tis fasten'd on: there is a Faun behind him in a fine Attitude eating Grapes: both are Drunk, 'tis feen in their Faces, and all their Limbs. This Group is of a very excellent Goût, but differs from the other as Masculine does from Feminine, for This is Mich. Angelo, and That has all the Delicacy of the famous Venus, as a Bacchus ought to have. Biscop has given us a Print of this Statue of Mich. Angelo in three feveral Views. No. 52, 53, 54.

The Antique Bacchus is standing, about as The followbig again as the Life, as that of Mich. Angelo ing are Antiques. is: He holds a Cup in his Left-hand, and leans upon a Young Faun who kneels, and turns al-Bischop. N. 62. most backward, looking up in his Face. The Drawing of Raffaele my Father has, and which he made a little St. John of, is this very Head. This Groupe is the best I think in the Gallery, and the nearest in Taste and Deli-

cacy to the Venus of Medicis.

Antique Bufts.

Hadrian,

Hadrian, a Bust.

Gladiator; big again as the Life; black Stone, like Touch-stone.

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Antinous, wants the Nose, a Bust; Divine! Antoninus Pius, a Bust.

Venus and Mars, (commonly call'd Fausti-

na, and a Gladiator.)

Chimera, a Lyon with a Goat coming out of his Back, and a Tail like a Serpent; (what remains of it, for a great part is broken off) the hinder Legs have fomething on them like the Fins of a Serpent. It answers the Description of Homer translated by Ausonius.

Prima Leo postrema Draco media ipsa Chimæra.

and may be feen on feveral Corinthian Medals of M. Aurelius and others. See Vaillant on the Roman Colonies.

"Twas found in the Year 1548 near Arezzo, in the time of Cosimo I. and used to be always in his own Chamber, as I was told by Bianchi.

Cupid and Psyche, most exquisite! only the

Legs and Thighs are too short.

Bacchus, a most Noble Figure in Hammer'd Brass, (without the Feet) it has a magnificent Pedestal, made by Lorenzo Ghiberti, with Basreliefs upon it as fine as the Statue it self. These Bas-reliefs are not of so great a Relief as those of the Gates of St. John, but of a better Taste, and equal to any Antique. On one side is the Triumph of Ariadne, and on the other,

Lorenzo Ghiberti. other, a Sacrifice to Bacchus. On the Front is this Inscription:

VT POTVI HUC VENI DELPHIS ET FRATRE RELICTO.

I came here as well as I could (being Drunk) and left Delphos, and my Brother. [the Apollo of the Belvedere.]

All the Ornaments about it are Vine Leaves; at the Corners are Ram's and Tyger's Heads, and the *Bacchus* it felf is supported on the Back of a Tyger.

Ganymede; Head added. This Figure is as fine as the Venus of Medicis, and feems to be

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Apollo with the Tripos, and Griffon upon it

in Bas-relief; Lyre in his Hand.

Marsias; amazing Air of a Head, but the Arms seem to be too short: the Feet are crack'd almost through with Age: the Figure hangs mighty weighty, and natural, and is in extreme Pain from his Fingers ends to his Toes.

Alexander the Great Dying; a Bust three times as big as the Life; Great and Vast Taste, Greek: the Nose does not come strait down from the Forehead, but the joining is much swell'd; his Mouth is a little open. He is Dying throughout without Agony, except what that Swelling, and a little turn of the Eyes expresses, which at the same time gives a Grandeur to the Whole: 'tis of a fine Yellowish Marble.

Tuscan Orator, a great Taste, and fine Expression of Energy. The Arm that stretches out is well drawn, and easy: there are no Eyes, but Holes where they had been, probably of Silver, as was ufual. Sandals upon his Feet; he holds one Hand down, which is in an Action as if he held Snuff between his Finger and his Thumb; he has a Ring upon one of his Fingers. It is hollow Brass, and in several places behind not broken, but rotted and decayed by pure length of time. 'Tis certainly very ancient; the Taste though great is hard, and very different from that of the Roman, Greek, Ægyptian, or any other, and is a Species by it felf, as the Habit is, and truly Hetruscan: besides there are Tuscan Characters upon the Fimbria of the Garment.

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This Figure is commonly said to be Scipio Africanus, I know not why; nor for what Reason Others say 'tis much more ancient than the first Foundation of Rome: 'tis hard to know what was the Taste of those Times; neither are the Characters on the Garment an Argument that 'tis Tuscan Work.

In a little Room going out of the Gallery.

Among infinite Lares, Idols, Lamps, &c. Orpheus playing upon a Fiddle, Brass. This Statue is not quite a Foot long; instead of a Stick he has a large, thick, brute Instrument. Bianchi assur'd me'tis of undoubted Antiquity, and indeed it seems to me to be so; and not at all the less for the Badness

of the Work; for the Ancients had Indifferent Hands as well as we. This feems to be in the Hetruscan Tafte. If 'tis really Genuine, 'tis exceeding Curious upon the account of the Instrument, the only one of the kind I remember to have feen, or heard of in any Antique.

Another small Room, (Closet of Madama.)

PAINTINGS.

Adoration of the Magi; the Angels, and Sandro Bottifeveral other things, heighten'd with Gold.

Death of the Virgin, better than the last; Pollaiolo.

painted in like manner with Gold.

Circumcifion, the Virgin, and two other Dom. Gril-Women; fine Airs, and noble Attitudes; very landaio. Simple, and Gentile.

Another Room

Adoration of the Magi, good Expressions, Filippo Lippi.

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Same Subject, and the same Size, i.e. be- Lion.da Vinci. tween a Half, and a Whole-length, fomething longer than high. Very good, but not finish'd at all, except two or three Figures in the middle.

His own Picture. This is the very same Sir Pordenone, so Thomas Hanmer has, and which is written call'd. upon Dom. Beccafumi: There is another at Paris in the Apartments of the Regent, very good; and another yet, but not fo good, at the Elector Palatine's at Duffeldorp. But it cannot be Pordenone's Picture, as 'tis call'd here, if Vafari has given us a right one of him, for that is very different, and is the fame Face as that

that of my Father's Drawing of him. Neither is this Baldassar Peruzzi's, or Beccasumi's, (one of which Sir Thomas Hanmer's is said to be, I forget which) for this has no Resemblance with either of those Masters in that Author. How this is christen'd in France, and Germany, or whether it has any Name in either, I do not remember: None is in my Notes.

The Gallery again.

B. Blandinelli.

The Laocoon copy'd from that at Rome (my Father has the Head done with a Pen) the Back of this is finish'd, which 'tis not in the Original, being to stand in a Nich, or against a Wall. At Florence they say This is as Good as that at Rome; if 'tis not, 'tis so near being so, as to justify those that say it is.

Mich. Angelo.

A Woman unfinish'd, and which could never have been made Good; 'tis an ill Attitude, and too short; it seems to be hew'd in the manner describ'd by Blaise de Vigenere, in the Notes on Philostratus; There are great Slices struck off with the Chissel, and in some places, particularly at one Ankle so deep, as that it must have been repair'd, had the Statue been sinish'd.

In a Tard of the House by the Dome.

Ditto.

Another unfinish'd Statue of Michael Angelo.

Constantine, a Bust; the Nose has been of,

but put on again.

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Caracalla; this Bust is the same as that of Farnese: And 'tis remarkable that all His

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Didius Julianus, Pertinax, and Didia Clara, Busts also; very Rare, and perhaps Unique.

Nerva, a Bust, larger than the Life; Ex-

ceeding Rare.

Domitian, 'tis a young one; not good.

Endymion looking back at the Moon, and

holding his Dog; not a good Taste.

Berenice Titi with a Diadem, and Hair in Ringlets, after the manner of the Ægyptian Kings: the Air, and Features Beautiful to Perfection. There is a Gold Medal shewn with it; the Face of Titus, and Berenice on the Reverse.

The Bust of Otho with a Peruke, a very short Bob, as short behind as before; very

Rare, if not Unique.

Galba; not so good a Head by much as the Galba my Father has. Bianchi own'd 'twas not a good one, but said he believ'd it might be a Galba; and if it was, that 'twas the only one in Italy. Ficaroni assured me there was none in Rome, as indeed all the Suites I saw of the Emperor's wanted This. However afterwards upon Discourse, and comparing the Head with the Medals, Bianchi was convinted This was not a Galba, but a Nerva done in the Provinces.

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The Leda of which Cinelli speaks: 'tis extremely Gentile and Delicate, in the Attitude of the famous Venus of Medicis, only that the Swan is added, and which looks more like a Goose than a Swan.

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Ganymede almost over-against it: 'tis as fine a Figure as any in the World; but his Eagle is as bad as Leda's Swan; the Body and Legs only of this Ganymede are Antique, of Parian Marble; the rest is added. What is Antique, has the same Character of Delicacy as the Venus.

Antonia the Wife of Claudius, a Bust, and extremely Rare.

A Boar of an Amazing Taste, Greek: A Cast of it in Brass makes a fine Fountain in the City.

Hannibal, generally so call'd, because it has a Punick Air, and is not either Greek a Roman entirely, but of an exquisite Taste and Spirit.

Victory without Wings, grav'd by Biscop, holding out a Laurel with her Right-hand, very good Taste.

Plautilla, Bust, very young, and a natural pretty Air: This is not common in the Artique, which is generally Manierato.

Philosopher; a Noble Figure, as big again as the Life; his Hand under his Chin, howing a Scroll of Paper; the Drapery in Gree Folds, and Simple: his Air very thoughts and something like Homer; the Posture Grand and Unassected. Greek.

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Narcissus kneeling down, and leaning over with a wonderful tender Air, his Right-hand lifted up, amaz'd at his own Beauty; and he has Reason. For Delicacy it approaches the Venus of Medicis. 'Tis of Parian Marble. Ovid seems to describe this very Figure.

Adstupet ipse sibi: vultuque immotus eodem
Hæret, ut è pario formatum marmore signum
Spectat bumi positus geminum, sua lumina, sidus
Et dignos Baccho, dignos & Apolline crines;
Impubesque genas & eburnea colla, decusque
Oris—————

His Left-hand lies flat upon his Back with the Palm out. It is one of the most Pleasing Figures in the Gallery.

Venus fitting and taking a Thorn out of her Foot; very fine, but without any great Delicacy.

Venus Vrania; has an exquisite piece of

Brutus, a Bust left unfinish'd, but has a No-Mich. Angelo. ble Air, turning over his Left Shoulder. It has this Inscription upon it, made by Cardinal Bembo.

Dum Bruti effigiem Sculptor de Marmore ducit În mentem sceleris venit & abstinuit.

Morpheus afleep, a Boy, in Touch-stone, Antique. shines very much; the Face is best, but nothing very Good, only that the Parts are large.

Mr. Addison in his Remarks, speaking of this Figure, says, amongst other things,

"Tis probable they chose to represent

" God of Sleep under the Figure of a Boy,

" contrary to all our Modern Designers, be. " cause it is that Age which has its Repose

" the least broken by Cares and Anxieties.

" Statius, in his celebrated Invocation of

" Sleep, addresses himself to him under the

" fame Figure.

Crimine quo merui, juvenis placidissime Divûm

Quove errore miser, donis ut solus egerem

" Somne tuis? tacet omne pecus, volucresq; feræq; &c. Silv. Lib.s.

" Tell me thou best of Gods, thou gentle Youth,

" Tell me my fad Offence; that only I,

While hush'd at Ease thy Drowsy Subjects lie,

" In the dead Silence of the Night complain, " Nor taste the Blessings of thy peaceful Reign.

" Inever faw any Figure of Sleep that was not

" of Black Marble, which has probably fome

" relation to the Night, that is the proper Sa-

" fon for Rest.

A Beautiful Head of his Mistress Gostanza di Narelli.

Pan, a Head, Greek; the very Greatel

Style: fine Humour.

In the Study there is one like it by Mich Angelo made at eighteen Years old, as appears by the Inscription behind it, and that it is the first thing he ever did in Marble. It is how ever I think as good as those Masques in the Chapel of St. Lorenzo, which is one of the Greatest of his Works.

Venus engaging Mars to stay with her; Es pression fine. He gives Reasons with his Hand

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Antinous, his Hair comes over his Forehead within half an Inch of his Eyes, (no Apples in them) Hair à la Romain, which was a manner more petit than the Greek.

Another; a Steddy Look, not Delicate.

The Tribunal.

Going out of the Gallery on one fide by a thick Door full of great Iron Nails, you come presently to another like it, which opens into the Tribunal. It is Octangular, about 25 or 30 Foot Diameter, with the Windows at the top, and a round Table in the middle. The Figure

fronting the Door is the

Venus of Medicis, of clear White Marble Antique. turn'd a little Yellowish; a Beautiful Colour; the Effect of Time: When the Sun shines on it, (for I have feen it at all Hours of the Day, and in all Accidents of Light)'tis almost transparent: the Hair feems to have been Gilded, and is now very dark: the Head is something too little for the Body, especially for the Hips and Thighs; the Fingers excessively long, and taper, and no Mark for the Knuckles, except for the little Finger of the Right-hand: It is let upon a Pedestal (Modern) about half the height of a Man, and inclines a little forward, to that probably 'twas at first intended to stand at a greater height. I confess, before I saw this

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Statue, I had some Prejudice against it, from what I had observed in the Casts; and it has Faults; but it has too such a Fleshy Sostness, one would think it would yield to the Touch. It has such a Beauty, and Delicacy; such a Lightness; 'tis such a Leggiadra Figure, that by it the other two Venus's look Robust; even the Faun is Heavy, tho' he is leaping of his Basis. When I had spent above ten Hours in this Gallery, considering the Beauty of the Statues there, and perpetually found something new to admire, 'twas yet impossible to keep my Eyes off of this three Minutes whilk I was in the Room.

This wonderful Statue has been broke in feveral places, but well put together again; for that fome of the Fractures are not feen, unless one examines it well. Both the Thighs, the Legs just under both the Knees, and just above the joining of both the Feet, have been broke; and the middle of the Right-leg; both the Arms have been off, just below the Arm-pits.

Maffei, in his Notes on this Statue in Rose Session, fays, that the Ears are bor'd: I confess that Particular 'scap'd my Observation; and Sandraar't says it stood in the Pantheon, but quotes no Authority.

On each fide of this are two other Venus's.

On the right is

Venus Victrie, near as large again as this which makes this look the lefs; it is a charming Figure, and holds the Apple in the Righthand; the Left-hand and Arm is added. This Figure has some Drapery. On the other side is Venus

Venus Unania, which, except the Delicacy, is not in any thing inferior to the Venus of Medicis.

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Dancing Faun; a most beautiful colour'd Marble, but has been changed in two or three Bischon . 12 3. places by Moulding, especially the Face, which Rolli. 35. is the reason that none are allow'd to be taken off now; the Duke of Marlborough's Venus, and other Statues, were not cast off these in Moulds made express, but in old ones; the Venus has never been cast off fince the Duke of Florence had it. Bianchi.

This Figure is, I think, take it all together, the best in the Tribunal; and (as Isaid above) 'tis fo light, 'tis leaping off its Pedeftal. It does not shine as the others, not being polished; but 'tis very smooth.

Grinder: the Head in particular is fine, the Rolli. 41. Hair the best I have seen of the Ancients, rough, and finely tumbled, but short. This Figure shines very much, and is almost White.

Wrestlers; fine Airs of Heads, and earnest. Rossi. 24. This Groupe shines extremely; but when the Curtains are drawn, all but of one Window, it makes a fine Effect.

Next this stands the Venus Victrix already describ'd; and all these stand in a Circle round the Tribunal official of the Tribunal of the T

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The St. John of Raffaele, the fame as at Raffaele. the Regent's, I faw this near, That I could not. This

This is amazingly fine; a fingle Fig. naked, fitting, holding out his Right-hand, Face foreright; in the Wilderness: 'tis much browner than the Regent's: Which is the Original, is greatly disputed. As I did not see them both near, I cannot judge precisely, and perhaps could not if I had; but I must incline in favour of This.

Correggio.

A Madonna preserv'd, as when 'twas first done: She kneels, and adores the Christ which lies upon the Ground, her Hands a little asunder, and her Face nearly Profile; the Figure, if standing, would be about two Foot high. I have seen many Copies. This, as most of this Amiable Master, has with its Beauties great Faults. The Drapery is certainly Invention; but neither shows the Limbs well, nor is in Beautiful Folds; part of it is over the Virgin's Head, and falling down on the Ground; on the end of which the Child is laid so that she cannot rise, or hardly stir till he is remov'd. But the Beauty! the Morbidezza! the Thought and Expression! Good God!

Raffaele.

Julius II. extremely fine; a Brown Picture; the Head the same as the Duke of Devon-shire's Drawing; the same Likeness, and I think of equal Spirit. I have mention'd one or two of these in the Collections of Rome,

which are shewn for Originals.

Mich. Angelo.

A Madonna, the Colouring exceedingly bright, and the Reflexions strong, the reverse of all the other Pictures I have seen of this Author; the Masses of Colours want Union, and seem to be placed by hazard, like the most

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part of An, del Sarto's, but more so; the Flesh is bright, but not transparent, and mellow like Andrea's, to whom I imagine he had an Eve at this time, fince he was a great Admirer of him, as appears by other things, and by what he said of him to Raffaele. See Cinelli, p. 461. This Picture is in perfect Prefervation. It's round, and stands fronting the Door behind the Venus of Med. By Cinelli's Description of it (p.275.) one would believe 'twas rather of Raffaele than Mich. Angelo, fo little has he consider'd the true Character of the Master. But he tells the Story of his demanding at first 70 Crowns for it; but 40 being fent him, he then increased the Price to 100; the 70 being then fent, he went on to demand double what was at first ask'd, and 'twas given him.

Round the Tribunal is a Shelf full of little Figures.

A Lyon tearing a Horse, Marble, much si- Ant. ner than that samous one in the Capitol, which is Marble too, but much bigger than the Life; different Attitudes. This last of the Capitol is more gross, and of a Taste like those of Monte Cavallo.

A Venus, the same as the samous one; 'tis very good, but much inferior to that which is just by it.

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Here also are a great many Miniatures of Miniatures. Fra. Gio. Batt. de Monte, (a Monastery about Fr. Gio. Batt. five Miles from Florence;) amongst which is de Monte. the Correggio, and St. John of Raffaele above mention'd to be here. He has also done the Ado-

Adoration of the Shepherds by Titian; and the Andrea del Sarto in the Apartments of the Great Prince. The Miniatures of this Monk are Finer, more Correct, and better Colour'd, than those of Don Julio Clovio that the Great Duke has. He wrought about 50 Years ago, and always after Pictures of other Masters; never did any of his Own Invention, but imitated the several Manners persectly well.

The Gallery of the Painters.

'Tis stuck as full of Pictures as it can hold from the Cieling to the Ground. Those of Titian, And. del Sarto, Julio Rom. Polidore, Giorgion, &c. very fine; Raffaele's is one of the worst of the whole Set of good Masters, but 'twas when he was very young, he don't feem to be above 18 Years old. Rubens's, and Van Dyck's are fine; so is Guido Rein's, of which my Father has the original Drawing.

The Chamber of the Great Princess Dowager; Camera di Madama.

The Pietà of Mich. Angelo, 'tis written upon by himself Julius Clovius Macedo faciebat, as he has writ upon most of his Things. This is not comparable to those Miniatures said to be of him of the Life of the D. of Vrbin in the Vatican. 'Tis hard, and slat, and the Colours not Gentile, the Colouring is Languid. There are five Figures, 'tis describ'd by Vasari.

A Holy Family of the same Character entirely.

Titian.

A. del Sarto.
Giulio Rom.
Polidore.
Giorgion.
Raffaele.
Rubens.
Van Dyck.

Don Jul. Clo-

vio.

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Two Crucifixes; one has a vast Number of Disco. little Figures at a distance; the other, a Woman embraces the Cross, and this is all the Difference, they are else the same: Both have fine, neat Landskips, but Hard.

A Portrait of a Woman refembling Raffa-

ele's Mistress.

A Picture of *Dante* in Oil, the same Size, Resemblance the same as my Father's Drawing, but the Attitude different: this is in the common Portrait way, a three Quarter Face. The Taste too is the same.

A finall Cleopatra Dying, Egyptian. Antiques. Bronze; a Gross Inelegant manner, but a fine

Expression.

The famous Flora of Farnese; Antique, Bronze; entire, and well preserved; less than my Father's Model of this Figure. It rather leans backward, whereas the Great one inclines something towards you.

A finall Chimara like that in the Gallery be-

fore describ'd, Antique; Intire.

A Miniature of a Picture of Paolo Verone se, Fra. Giovanwhich is in the Prince's Apartment. This has ninone of the Faults just remark'd in those of Don Julio Clovio: the Subject is the Madonna, and St. Katharine.

In the Passage out of the Gallery to the Old Palace.

ABust, and Hand of Galileo Galilei; Extremely great Taste. Michelangelesco; 'tis by Marcellini. Marcellini, not quite finish'd; nor would he ever finish any thing in his Life, nor work while

while he had any Money. He died about four

or five Years ago.

Donatello.

St. John a whole Figure, more dry than that Bust in Marble of the same Hand and Subject which my Father has, but the Particularity of the Air extremely like it, with the same Flatness of the Breast; the Eye-balls are here marked.

The Apartment of the Old Pictures, Most, or All of which were done for this Family.

B. Gio. da Fie-

Two fine Pictures; One, the Marriage of SS. Joseph and Mary, the Other, the Virgin dead; both very Gentile. A great deal of Gold about the Clothes, and Ornaments: the same Taste as the Drawings we have seen, and have of him.

Sand. Botticelli. A. Mantegna. The Adoration of the Magi; much in the manner of two others of Andr. Mantegna that are here.

Dom. Grillandaio.

The Virgin kneeling to the Child lying on the Ground, his Finger at his Mouth, an Angel by: the Picture is round.

Giorgio Vafa-

As I was assured by Bianchi. 'Tis the Picture of Giuliano di Medicis D. of Nemours; a Half-length; Style like Titian, or Giorgion. He has a Cap on, and holds one Hand upon t'other; in the uppermost is a Letter. This, with the carrying the Cross in the Church of Sancta Croce, shews, that Vasari was a great Man sometimes.

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Mich. Angelo. A Portrait of a Lady, very fine, not hard, but

but bright enough, and without any Extrava-

gance: She is not handsome.

A fine Adoration of the Magi, unfinish'd. Lion. da Vin, At a distance Horses, and Horsemen: These my Father has the Studies of in several Drawings (small ones) and one large one of a Horses Skull, which is here just as in the Drawing, only in Oil, as this Picture is painted. Probably this was a Whim of Lionardo which he intended to cloath with Flesh, and Skin; but a bare Skull could have no Meaning in this place. The Head of one of the Figures here as big as the Life, is that of Artus of this Master, which my Father also has.

The Great Duke's Drawings.

In a Room belonging to the Gallery.

St. George; That done for an Ancestor of Raffaele. my Lord Pembroke; same Size. M. Crozat has the Picture.

Woman and Child, another Woman Draw- B. Band.

ing a Curtain; Grav'd by Biscop. 3. N29.

Woman with the Water in the Incendio del Raffaelo. Borgo: Red Ch. same Taste as that my Father has, a Copy of the Banq. of the Gods, allowing only for the difference between a Copy and an Original.

Madonna, and Child in the Holy Family; Dino. Grav'd by Edelink (the French King's) same

manner as the last.

St. Peter deliver'd from Prison.

Virgin dying, full of fine Expression: Pen, Ditto. Wash.

Another

Ditto.

Ditto. Another Drawing, the same Subject; Bl.Ch. Heighten'd.

Dire. Moses striking the Rock.

Mich. Angelo. A Figure fitting, Arms folded, Finger in his Mouth: Reed Pen, fine.

Parmeggiano. Christ on a Throne preaching.

Correggio. The four Doctors of the Church, two Foot high, one Foot and a half broad; Pen, and Wash.

Dino. Madonna in the Clouds, St. Sebastian, and another Saint.

with the Head of St. John Baptist after Julio, the same as the Duke of Devonshire has, and a Drawing which my Father has of Primaticcio. That this is of Correggio I am very certain, and 'tis as sure that the Design is not of him: A Noble one it is, as will be easily believ'd from its being Copy'd by so many great Masters.

All these of Niceholo Ciccignani detto il Pomeranci.

Giottino. Twelve Drawings.

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Gio. Bolog. A Drawing of Giovan. Bologna della Marca.

Bassan. Two or three pretty good Sketches.

Lion. da Vinci. A most Beautiful Woman's Head, highly started in an Ornament of D. Julio Clovio, Grotesque, colour'd upon a Gold Ground.

Lion. da Vin. Three or four Draperies in Guazzo, fuchas my Father has of this Master.

Correggio. Ten Drawings of Correggio, but flight, and not very confiderable.

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About 100 Drawings of Fra. Bartolomeo. Fra. Bartol.

These are the Principal Drawings of all those which were shewn me as the whole Collection of the Great Duke. As for those Capital ones faid to be of Raffaele, and not abovemention'd, Itake them to be all Copies. Here are none of Giulio Romano, Polydore, Andrea Mantegna, &c. nor any Good of Titian, Andrea del Sarto, Tintoret, the Caracci, &c. There are about 20 Books, and abundance of Drawings, and several of Hands we are little acquainted with, and Inconfiderable. 'Tis not an Old Family Collection, but one made of late Years. Nothing is more apt to deceive than Copies from known Works of a Master, Raffaele in particular, because there are Beauties in Him, which tho' but copy'd, will shine, and dazzle the Eyes in proportion as the Copyer happens to be: there will be the Thoughts, the Attitudes, the Airs, and Expressions of Raffaele in some degree; and whether fufficient to be judg'd his Own, is oftentimes not eafy to be known: for which reason a Connoisseur should be careful that this counterfeit Glitter does not deceive him. He should consider the thing abstracted from those Properties, and observe the Hand only: would he have found That to be of Raffaele, had he not known the Painting was of him? Would he have judg'd it to have been his Hand

Hand at that Time when the Painting was done? (fuppofing That to be also known.) In short, does he see That in it that 'tis impossible for a Copyer to do? That Liberty, that Spirit, that true Beauty, and Excellence, as would have recommended it without thinking of Raffaele, or any Character which a Copy cannot but have in fome measure? and which confequently cannot be any Argument in favour of its Originality; nor should in the least incline our Judgments that way. One mayer on the other hand, and be too fcrupulous in this Particular: A Drawing may be right that has not all that is expected, when one confiders the Master at his Best; for no Man is always fo. Both Extremes should be avoided in judging, but Connoisseurs very often err in both.

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In this Room is a great deal of curious Lumber, amongst the rest an Antique Mould of the Venus of Medicis.

Palazzo de Pitti.

At the upper end of the Portico on the Lesthand is a Monument of the Gratitude of Mesfer Luca Pitti who built this Palace, the Basrelief in Black Marble, of the Mule that had been serviceable to him in bringing the Materials. This Distich is underneath;

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fame as that of Farnese; extremely good.

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Madonna and St. John, the fame as the Co- Roff. ele. py my Father has, the fame Size (a three Quarter) in a Round, the Corners also Painted; 'ris done in Oil, a Glass over it; the Air of the Virgin is particularly fine; the Christa pretty Boy, but not of to fublime a Character as in fome of this Master, and ought to be in all his, and of every other: However there is a fort of Pout, a kind of Scornful Difdaining Look, which gives it that fort of Dignity as fuch an Air will give. Here is a judicious Clair Obfc. and fine Colouring throughout; particularly the Arm of the Christ in the Light has a great Variety of Tincts, and very delicate; the Hand of the Virgin that is uppermost, and the fores most Foot of the Christ Disagreeably, if not Wrong Drawn. Highly finish'd, and hatch'd in the Shadows in many places; the Hair of the Christ comes over his Forehead in single Hairs, or a few sticking together as if he sweated. 'Tis well preferv'd, but that the Out-lines of the Legs of the Christ, and some other Places appear at a distance White by the Colour having parted, for it has crack'd in feveral Places.

Madonna's and Holy Families are not properly History Pictures, but what Characters are in Writers: they are not particular Stories, but the Actors in considerable ones describ'd. They are a sort of Portraits, only the Faces

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not being to be had otherwise are Supposed, and made to help to give the Character, as the Actions they are employ'd in, and the Expressions suitable to those Actions also are, just as it ought to be in Portraits.

An, del Sarto.

Pharoah giving Joseph the Golden Chain; my Father has a Drawing of three Figures of it, but doubtful. These Pictures were copying in the first Room, which is hung with fine ones very large of the Borgognone, and Salvator Rosa.

Borgognone. Salv. Rosa.

Next Room, the Great Prince's Apartment.

'An. del Sarto.

St. Laurence, St. Dominick, and four others, with the Padre Eterno in the Sky. My Lord Pembroke has a Drawing of this, and Mr. Flinck, and my Father, fine Copies. A very bright manner of Colouring, and finely Drawn, Airs agreeable, and well chosen Tincts of Drapery, so as one very much sets off another, tho' they are (as Andrea's manner is) Bright, Unbroken Colours, Reds, Yellows, Blues, Greens; and suddenly opposed, without any Mediums; the Folds also are very sharp.

Cinelli has describ'd this Picture largely as an Altar-piece in the Church of S. Jacopo tra Fossi, as without doubt it was in his time, but

fince that remov'd hither.

And (by the way) let me observe here to those that consult the Books, that they are not to be depended upon as to the Placing of moveable Pictures, for the Obvious Reason july now mention'd.

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Madonna della Pescia, so call'd, because it Raffaele. once was in a Church there; the D. of Devonshire has the Drawing, an Admirable one, and Capital; the Virgin is fitting, two Saints standing on each fide of her; as many Angelsa'top, and two Boy-Angels below. 'Tis upon Board broader than a Whole-length, and almost as high; in a Finish'd manner of Painting, not Stiff, tho' done Early, for 'twas before Raffaele went to Rome, but he was just going thither, which occasion'd its being left imperfect, (as Vasari says) for the Keys of St. Peter, and perhaps some other little matters, are unfinish'd. The Colouring is exceeding Bright, and Beautiful, and the Ground strong, and very transparent, and not too dark, but enough to make the Figures appear with vast Force. The general Tinct of the Picture is a kind of Yellowish Brown, prodigiously pleasing; as there is an Air of Dignity throughout which arises from that folemn Tinct of Colour, from the Countenances, the Attitudes, the Habits and Ornaments, all Noble, and Awful, and which are greatly improv'd by the Poetry of the Picture, the Attendant Saints and Angels. Bianchi told me, that this Rich Board had been used in making a Scassold for Giorgio Vasari, but being luckily observ'd by him, he made a Prefent of it to the Great Duke, by whom he was then employ'd. However, being probably foon discover'd, 'tis not much damaged; only the two Angels at the bottom are painted upon, if not all over.

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Fra Bartolo- Ascension of Christ; great Style, and well Colour'd; but not fogood as the next of him; tis however very good. It has the fame Degree of Grace and Greatness of Drawing, the fame beautiful, foft, and bright Tinct of Co. four, as the Madonna della Pescia over against which it hangs, as 'tis of the same Size; indeed one feems to be made as a Fellow to the other.

In another Room.

Ditto.

St. Mark, a fingle Figure, bigger than the Life, and a Style as great as Raffaele; exquifitely colour'd in the Taste of the Madonna della Pescia, but in a more vigorous manner of Painting, and is more Mellow, and Delicate: as indeed at this time Fra. Bartolomeo feems to have been the Greater Man, and might have been the Raffaele, had not Fortune been determin'd in favour of the other. His Works are however much esteem'd, and very Rare; this Picture, tho' one Figure only, cost the late Great Prince 1200 l. Sterl. as Bianchi told me.

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An. del Sarto.

Madonna in the Clouds, and Saints below; the two that kneel, almost the same as in that of St. Laurence, &c. same Manner, and same Size.

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Madonna, St. Sebastian, &c. same Style as the last of him.

The two most Capital Pictures he ever did; both Madonna's in the Clouds, with feveral Figures below; and these in both dress pretty much alike; extremely Lively and Beautiful

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Beautiful; This they cannot fail of, his Draperies being of such Bright Colours, as was observ'd just now; nor of being agreeable for that Reason, if a Harmony is maintain'd by a judicious Choice, and Disposition of These, and by the Connection made by means of the Flesh, and other Colours in the Picture, and the Variations occasion'd by the Distances, &c. These are both as large as Whole-lengths, or nearly. All the Pictures of Andrea of the Great Duke's Apartment, are well preserv'd.

Another Room. Portraits.

Leo. X. and two Cardinals, exactly the same Rassacle. as that of the Duke of Chandois, but that This is Original, and That a Copy; That of An. del Sarto is here said to be in the Gallery of Parma. This would be thought the finest Portrait in the World, if it did not hang next to V. Dyck. That Dignity that appears in every thing that Rassacle did; those noble Airs and Attitudes he gave, cannot sail of making a Portrait Excellent; though one of this Character Only would not Intirely satisfy me; To have my Wish fully, I would be drawn by Rassacle, by Guido, and by Van Dyck.

My Father has two Drawings, Portraits, of the same Person, in the same Attitude, and very probably done about the same time, that is, within the compass of three or sour Years, as might be shewn, if 'twas necessary here; the one is by Rubens, the other by Annibale Caracci, in which are the two Extremes Painters are apt to fall into. That of Annibale has the

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Spirit of a Great Master, and finely Drawn; the Features pronounced with great Assurance, but undoubtedly Rigorous enough; Rubens in making His Younger, and perhaps designing to make it More Agreeable, has indeed (as commonly happens almost to all that have not very good Judgment, and Experience) made it Less so, for 'tis Insipid. It must be added however in justice to Rubens, that he was Seventeen Years younger than Annibale, and lest Rome (where I believe both these Drawings were made) when he was about Thirty Years old, a Year or two before the Death of Annibale.

Van Dyck.

Cardinal Bentivoglio (the fame of which Morin has finely Etch'd the Head) I never faw any thing like it. I look'd upon it two Hours, and came back twenty times to look upon it again. He fits in an Elbow Chair, with one of his Elbows upon the Arm of the Chair, and his Hand (the most Beautiful, and Graceful in the World) falls carelesly in his Lap by the other, which most unaffectedly gathers up his Rochet, which is painted Beautifully, but keeps down fo as not to break the Harmony. His Face has a Force beyond any thing I ever faw, and a Wisdom, and Solidity as great as Raffaele's, but vastly more Gentile: Indeedit must be confess'd the Difference of the Subjects contribute something to this Advantage on the fide of Van Dyck. The Colouring is true Flesh and Blood, Bright, and Transparent; Raffaele's is of a Brown Tinct, and fomething Thick, at least compared with this. His Scarlet

let is very Rich, and Clear, but serves nevertheless to set off the Face, 'tis so well manag'd. The Picture is enrich'd with things lying upon the Table, which unite with the Cardinal's Robes, and Flesh, and make together the most pleasing Harmony imaginable.

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A fine Head of a Cardinal in the Habit of Raffaele. a Franciscan, only in Red, and without the

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Martin Luther playing on a Harpsichord, Giorgion. his Wife by him, and Bucer behind him. The Face of Martin Luther particularly has a vast Force, and is finely Colour'd and Drawn. I don't know these Faces, but this is what is said Here.

Charles V. and Phil. II. two fine Whole-Titian. lengths.

Eight Half-lengths of the same Master, all Ditto.

chosen, and of his best manner.

An excellent Half-length of a Man, his Rembrandt. Hands folded; extremely Natural: This Picture hangs on the Right, that of Leo X. of Raffaele on the Left of a Door, (as you stand to look on the Van Dyck, which is over the Door.)

Another Room.

Several Pictures, not considerable, of Modern Masters.

Another Room.

Holy Family, and St. Katharine; the St. E-Raffaele. lizabeth is the Sibyl of Raffaele in the Pace, which

which Biscop has Etch'd, and ascrib'd to Mich. Angelo; she rests both her Hands on the Seat she sits on, and thrusts her Face forwards in Profile; her Head and Shoulders cover'd with white Linen: Little St. John sits upon the Ground, and points up to the Christ. It hangs in the dark.

An del sarro. Virgin, Christ, St. John, one of the best of Andrea.

Titian, old Several very fine Histories.

Another Room.

Lean.da Vinci. St. Mary Magdalen, Half Figure, very fine, and less hard than any I have seen of him.

Annibale. Two fine small Madonna's with Glasses over them; the Joseph of one of them taken from that in the Holy Family of Raffaele my Father has.

An. del sarso. The whole History of Joseph in one Picture divided into many Groupes, all alike Strong almost. This is the Fellow to Pharoah giving Joseph the Golden Chain, and hangs by it.

The Angel faluting the Virgin, a great bright Glory between them: a Delicious Picture!

Muses dancing, upon a Ground of Gold; feems to be of Polidore.

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Room near the Gallery.

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Two Inscriptions of Q. Fab. Maximus, and Ap. Cl. Cacus, enumerating their Exploits.

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In the Garden of Boboli.

Adam and Eve, Marble; admirable for the Thought: She leans one Hand upon t'other on the Shoulder of Adam, and her Head reclines on those Hands; he stands with his Legs across, looking down melancholy.

In a Cabinet.

The Hermaphrodite, the same as that in the Borghese; my Father's Model the same.

This as big as the Life.

The Rape of Ganymede after Mich. Angelo. Don. Jul. See Giorgio Vasari, and Borghini. This of Clovio. the same Character as the others of D. Julio in the Apartment of Madama.

The famous Head of Euripides of Marble Ant. Bisalta; 'tis in Fulvius Vrsinus; bigger than

the Life.

The Model of Mich. Angelo for restoring Mich. Angelo. the Torso; 'tis in Wax, about the same Size as the Drawing for it which my Father has. It was Vasari's, afterward Franceschino Volterrano had it; and when he was very Old he brought it to the Great Duke as a Present, that it might be for ever presery'd in that Collection: 'tis in Persection.

Marquis

Marquis Corfino's Palace.

This is a vastly large Palace, but little remarkable in it, except the

Apollo, the fame as in the Gallery Farnese. Bisalto.

The Chapel of the Medici in S. Lorenzo.

The Church has nothing confiderable be-Mich. Angelo. fides this Chapel; and here are the Figures of Mich. Angelo, of the Women and Men over Arches, (a good Drawing of one of the Women my Father has, Bl. Ch.) the Men's Faces are left Sbozzati: these were intended for the Tomb of Julius II.

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In this Church is the Deluge; a horrible Confusion of Figures throughly disagreeable. See Cinelli's Preface.

The Church of S. Croce.

Capella Cavalcanti. The fine Nunciata. See Cinelli, p. 316. On the fide two Figures of Andr. Castagna, which answers the Character in the Drawings my Father has of him.

Capella Buonarotti.

Christ carrying the Cross, the best by much I ever faw of him; except a Portrait of the D. of Nemours already mention'd. This Picture is well Colour'd, and has a fine Expression.

The famous Sepulchre of Mich. Angelo, a Bust of him is a'top; and underneath is Painting, Sculpture, and Architecture; Painting is

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the best Fig. 'tis of Battista Lorenzo, do. Bat- Bast. Lorenzo. tista del Caveliere, because he was Disciple of Cav. Bacc. Band. The Dreffing of the Hair is finer than that of the Venus of Medicis; the Air as good as the best Antique; and the Addition of Sorrow gives this Figure the Advantage of a fine Expression. Sculpture is in the middle; 'tis not so good as the other Figures; the Head of Mich. Angelo is also of Battista Lorenzo. onden slong stolle into o

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The Tomb of Battista Naldini is very fine, especially the Expression of the Virgin.

Capella Guiduci.

Christ appearing to the Apostles after his vasari. Refurrection; very Badin all respects. So that in this Church is the Best, and the Worst of this Master. His exceeding Richard Richard

Church of the Nunciata.

Capella de Pucci.

At the Altar; S. Sebastian of Pollaiolo; all Pollaiolo. the Figures Spots, hard manner; fame Idea as from the Drawings.

There are three Gates in Front; that on the Right-hand goes into this Chapel, that on the Left into a large Cloyster. The Picture fronting you as you enter this Gate, is

The Madonna del Sacco; same as Dr. Mead's An. del Sarto. Drawing. The very best thing this Master ever did; nothing can be more striking, nothing This is what is faid of it here.

can have more Life, more Grace, more Beau-

ty! 'tis well preferv'd.

Bern. Potchietti.

Ditto.

On the Right-hand of this Picture is that of the Death of St. Alessio, (my Father has the Drawing of this Figure.) On the Left is one of the Miracles of the seven Founders by the same Master, in which is a Head the same as my

Father has a Drawing of.

In this Cloyster is a great deal more of the Work of this Master; whose manner of Painting, and Colouring, the Bright Reds, Yellows, Greens, &c. is the nearest of any to And. del Sarto; and he painted Fresco, (as to the Management of that kind of Work) as well as any Master whatsoever, not excepting Annibale himself.

Chapel of the Nunciata.

Here the great Duke goes to Prayers once every Day. 'Tis exceeding Rich, and generally lock'd up. Here is what they call the Miraculous Picture, the Annunciation, faid to be done by Pietro Cavillini, Disciple of Giotto. This was a very devout Man; and having finish'd all the Picture but the Face of the Virgin, he, labouring for an Idea answerable to what he conceiv'd ought to be put to fuch a Figure, fell afleep, and waking, found it finished; upon which he cry'd out aloud, a Miracle! a Miracle! the People flock'd to fee it, believ'd it to be done by an Angel, and were confirm'd by many Miracles wrought by this Picture, and which Virtue it still continues to This is what is faid of it here. The Truth

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Truth is, tho' the Style is Gothic, the Thought of the Picture is so fine, I wonder other Painters have not taken it in treating this Subject. The Virgin swoons away at the Apparition; and the Message he brings; and the Air of the Head, and Attitude of the Body, expresses it with great Propriety.

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He ended, or I beard no more, for now
My Earthly, by his Heavenly overpower'd,
Which it had long flood under, strein'd to the height
In that Celestial Colleguy sublime,
As with an Object that excels the Sense,
Dazzled and spent, sunk down——— Milton.

The Cortile.

Here are Frescoes of several Masters, but Rosso: fo miserably damaged, that one can hardly di- Francia Bigio. stinguish the Figures. The principal are of An- Pontormo. drea del Sarto, which have escaped no better Aless. Baldonthan the rest. The Birth of the Virgin is ex- netti. tremely Graceful, what remains of it; but of &c. the Colouring one can judge nothing, as of the others here of his Painting; and in general of all his Frescoes, except the Madonna del Sacco, which being well preferv'd, is extremely Beautiful. There are two Women by the Bedside, one of which is said to be Andrea's Wife; the Picture contains feveral Figures describ'd at large by Cinelli, and Vafari: my Father has the Drawing, fomething damaged by Time, and Rubens; but by which however one may better judge what the Picture has been, than by it felf as it now is.

An. del Sarto. The Magi, which is next to it, pleases me much less than This, or any Other Picture Iremember of Andrea, because the Airs, and Difposition of the whole are less Graceful, and Judicious.

> Cinelli mentions two other Pictures here: but as I don't remember them, I believe they are of those that are intirely defaced, or so much, that one can't distinguish the Histories. One is St. Philip curing the Leper, and the other a Story of some Prophane People chastifed by Lightning, which is finely describ'd. Tis probable the Drawings of Zuccaro of feveral Figures in an Attitude as terrify'dby some fuch Accident, (my Father has some of these) and which Lanier has faid came after Luca Signorelli da Cortona, but which are not of Zuccaro's own Invention, are Copies of these, as being very much in the Taste of Andrea, but impossible to be of the other; for all I have feen of him are in the Old, Dry Taste; and which moreover Zuccaro would not have Copied.

Poggio à Caiano.

Lavinia Fontana.

Prancia Bines.

Am del Serte.

Lavinia Fontana's own Picture done by her felf, in Little; 'tis finely Colour'd, and Drawn, and with great Simplicity; it has a Lovely Beautiful Air, Upon it is written,

LAVINIA FONTANA DE TAPPII FA-CIEB. M.DLXXVIIII.

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By this is a Fellow to it; it feems to be her Father's Picture. Both in Perfection.

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Just over the Gate going into the Palace is a long, narrow Frize, after the Antique manner: 'tis a Composition like China; the Figures are White upon a Blue Ground, and very Excellent. It must have been done by Luca Luca della delle Robbia, and Octaviano and Agostino his Robbia. Brothers, who invented this Art (Vafari) and which was loft with them. There is the Arms of Innocent VIII. with a Boy on each fide over a Door in the Cortile of the Belvedere. See Pinaroli, T. 1. 301. done by them in the same manner. More of this kind is in feveral of the Churches of Florence.

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In the Room where are the Pictures just now Annibale. describ'd, is a Dead Christ, and other Figures: 'tis a small Picture, and has a Glass over it: my Father has the Drawing of the Christ; an Academy Figure.

Rubens's Wife, the Head the fame Resem- Rubens blance my Father has in Little: This as big as the Life, with Hands holding a Book, drefs'd in Black Silk; a Three Quarter; perfectly fine, and highly finish'd.

A small Madonna, the same as my Lord Annibale. Harley's, the fame Size, and the fame Fault, the Hand of the Virgin feems to crush, and and break the broad part, the Thigh of the Christ who is standing: an Exquisite Taste, and Admirably painted.

A Young Man's Head in Crayons, exactly Correggio. the same manner as a large one of a St. John my Father has.

In this Room are Pictures of feveral Maiters, all excellently good, but too many to be noted noted feverally, as I did not observe any thing in particular was to be faid of any one of them.

Monasterio de Scalzi.

All these Paintings are in Fresco, of And. A. del Sarto. Francia Bigio. del Sarto, two excepted, and in Clair-Ob.

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The Pictures are in a Cloyster which encompasses a little square Court: In two oppofite fides of this Square are Doors over against one another; on each fide of which is a Figure representing Justice, Charity, Faith, and Hope; and by these one of the Histories of the Life of St. John. On the other sides of the Cloyster are eight other Histories, four on each side. This Monastry seems to be deserted; I found no living Creature there; I enquired: good while before any one could tell me where it was, and at last had great difficulty to come at the Keys. The Pictures are almost spoil'd; and what is very particular, as they are in Fresco, the Drawing has been traced off on the wet Mortar as usual, but here this Tracing is mark'd fo deep, as in some places one may lay a Finger in the Hollows. Figures as bigas the Life.

The four Figures at the Doors are not very good: those of Faith, and Hope, are not near fo good as the Drawing my Father has of thok Figures.

1. St. John Preaching is by one of thek Virtues; my Father has the Drawing of the Groupe of Auditors; and these are the best

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preserved. This Picture has some fine Airs of Heads: that of the Woman holding her Hand under her Chin is not so; nor another, hers whose Hands are in her Lap.

2. The Baptism of Christ, where two An-

gels are kneeling, not extraordinary.

Opposite to these is

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4. The Head of St. John brought to Herod whilst at Supper; the old Woman holding her Hand under her Chin a good Figure, but the Face so spoil'd as not to be seen. The Woman that brings the Charger (of which my Father has the drawing) is also a very good Figure.

On one of the Sides where there is no Doors

5. Salutation of SS. Mary and Elizabeth, St. Jos. and 3 other Figures. My Father has a Ricalco of the Drawing of the whole Picture, and a very fine Drawing of the S. Joseph with a Bundle under his Arm; 'tis one of the best in the Picture; and a Drawing in Bl. and another highly finish'd in Red Ch. of another of the best of these Figures; the Servant going up Stairs.

6. St. John, a Child, kneeling before his Fa-

ther fitting, who bleffes him.

7. Birth of St. John; Ill preserv'd. My Father has two Drawings of this: one where the Woman is bringing the Child, but in the Picure she has a Dish, as in the other Drawing.

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My Notes mention a Salutation here; I fuppose 'tis* another Subject not much unlike it. But as I was extremely incommoded with Heat when I saw these things, after having been much fatigued to get a Sight of them; and as the things themselves are not very excellent, and much damaged, and in some parts quite destroy'd, I shall be pardon'd if I am not perfectly clear in my Account of them. Let me refer you to Vasari, and Cinelli.

On the other side

9. Beheading of St. John; fo defaced, that one can hardly see where the Figures have been. None of the Faces remain.

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10. Herodias Dancing; the Drawing my Father has of a Figure with a fort of Hat hanging

^{*} Looking into Cinelli, I find this is the Meeting of Christ and St John; and he fays too, that This, and the Story of Zacharias giving his Blessing to the Young Saint his Son, are of Francia Bigio, who (as Vasari says) was employ'd here when Andrea was in France, and not expeded to return any more to Florence; for this Work was begun by Andrea several Years before he finish'd it. Cinelli (as the Italian Writers in general) must be read with Caution, or the Extravagant Praises they give will raise false Ideas in the Mind of one who has not feen the Things they write of. This Author, p. 8. speaking of this Work, though but in Clair-Obscure, not only Equals Andrea to Raffaele and Mich. Angelo, but makes him Superior to them. And giving 1 particular Account of it, p. 470, e.c. commends it prodigioully, but very injudiciously, when the Chief Characters he insists on is the great Nature, the strong Relief, and fine Drapery, Characters that will by no means equal those proper to the Works of Raffaele and Mich. Angele.

at his Back is in this Picture, and one of the best preserved in it, tho' That is gone in several parts: none of the Faces of this Picture remain but the Ladies, and that good for nothing.

11. St. John bound before Herod. Saint's Face very good, the Herod pretty well preferv'd. A Figure drawing a Sword, almost entirely gone. My Father has a Ricalco of the

Drawing of this Picture.

of any. That Man with the Linen on his Shoulders well preferv'd, all but the Thigh in Shadow: my Father has the Drawing of this Figure. The Drapery of St. John very bad, in the Style of Albert Durer, whose Prints Andrea grew fond of, and stole many Hints from in other parts of this Work.

Sir Berkley Lucy has Copies of these Very Histories in Colours, and the Colouring resembles that of And. del Sarto. These Copies were made for Mr. Nelson at Florence. And in the Palace of Spada at Rome is a finish'd Sketch of the Salutation (one of these) and in Colours-

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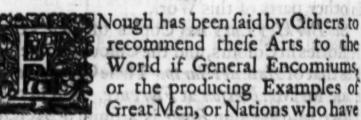
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Esteem'd, and Lov'd them, and highly Honour'd and Rewarded those that have Excell'd in them were sufficient. But as I have been long since persuaded, that these sort of Arguments were of very little force; that the True, and only Estectual way was to go deeper, and build upon Reason, and Nature, I have in my several Attempts of this kind laid my Foundation here: And tho' I have on sormer Opportunities expatiated on this Subject (for I confess it is a Grateful one to Me, as well as Useful to the Publick) yet This being a way of treating it in which very

ry few have gone before me, no wonder if All did not occur, which I now think necessary to be said; or if Something already advanc'd may be set in a better Light: This is what I now take leave to endeavour, and so, as at the same time I am shewing the Dignity of these Arts, I may asssist People in Judging, and making the Best Use of Pictures, and Statues, whether Seen, or Desscrib'd.

Of all the ways whereby we communicate our Thoughts to each other, those address'd to the Senses of Hearing, and Sight, are without comparison the Principal.

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Certain Natural, Inarticulate Sounds express Grief, or Joy, Defire, Complaining, Love, Aversion, &c. Speech explains, and enlarges upon Thefe; which being accompany'd with certain Tones of the Voice, the Expression of what is faid becomes stronger, and sometimes even the Sense it self is vary'd: This is Natural Recitative, and is infenfibly improv'd by Men of Breeding, and Good Sense, without any Skill in Musick; But That Art carries it still higher; and This is the common Language of the Opera. The Hyperbolical, and Elevated Style of Poetry is an Improvement upon common Speech, as its Cadency, Numbers, and Rhimes more affeet the Ear; and this also advanc'd into a Song, and accompany'd with Instrumental Musick, is the Utmost Length that Nature, and Art in conjunction, can go to express our Thoughts by Sounds, and fo as to attain the leveral Ends, Information,

formation, the Touching of the Passions, and Delight; and this is the Poetick Opera-Lan-

guage.

The Language of the Opera has its founda. tion in Nature, but as Poetry is an Improvement upon Profe in Writing, This is Speech Height. ned, and Improv'd, and more than the Poetick Style is, above what is Ordinarily us'd: And therefore as the Thoughts in Poetry must be more elevated than in Profe, those of the Opera ought to be fuch as are worthy of, and fuitable to fuch a finely imagin'd Language; which indeed is no more fitted for common Use in this World, than Poetry is; but Both, for ought we know, may be practicable in some other more Perfect State. And 'tis to be remark'd, that the Audience (at least the Attentive part of it) is differently affected than at a Comedy, where they Laugh, or at a Tragedy, where they are touch'd with Pity, Sorrow, Horror, or fuch like Passions: Here we see a fort of Extatick Delight in each others Faces, which puts one in mind of what Milton describes, and to which This bears some Resemblance, tho'a very faint one.

Thus while God spake Ambrosial Fragrance fill'd All Heav'n, and in the blessed Spirits elect Sense of new Joy inestable diffus'd.

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Signs also convey our Thoughts; the Look, or Motion of the Eye, or Hand, a Smile, a Frown, a Nod, a Shrug, or the like; such as the best Orators have always us'd in speaking, or such as we are apt to make to Deaf People, or those who understand not our Language; or which

which those that are Dumb make to us: Thus the Pantomimes of the Ancients spoke to their Spectators. Habits, Ornaments, and Symbols are of great use to the same End; they have all Tongues. Letters, and Characters, by means of which, Words, and Sounds are convey'd to our Minds by the Eye, carry this matter much farther than any of the aforemention'd ways of conveyance: and the Arts of Design, whether of Painting or Sculpture, convey a multitude of Ideas, and many of them not possible to be communicated by any another means not supernatural: and Here is the utmost length Nature and Art can go in enabling Mankind to converse as Rational Beings.

These two last mentioned ways of conveyance are not Transient, as all those are that are address'd to the Ear, and most of the Others that we see; They being once made use of, remain, and may convey the same Idea at any distance of Time, or Place, and to vast Numbers of People. And as Present Ideas soon absent themselves, These reconvey those lost Notices of things to Our selves, as well as to Others, Moreover the Latter of these two ways is an Universal Language, and as Swift almost as Inspi-

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Sounds, whether Natural, or Artificial; Speech, whether Profe, or Verse; Action, Characters, Picture; All these Singly may convey a vast number of Ideas, but not so Many, nor so Persectly as when Two, or More, are made use of at the same time; as neither is any one of them alone so pleasing, as when accompany'd with Others.

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Others. Words spoken without some kind of Motion, and a Natural Recitative, would not only have much less Force than with these Ad. ditions, but they would be even Naufeous: If this Natural Recitative is Ill let, if the Tone of the Voice, and the Emphasis laid on the Words. is Wrong, the Sense is Obscur'd, and even sometimes Perverted. If proper Mulick accompany'dall that was faid in Acting a Play the Mind would not only be more delighted, but the Sentiments would penetrate deeper: If the fame Subject appear'd in Picture (a Theatrical Reprefentation is but a fort of moving, fpeaking Picture) Musick well adapted would produce the like effect; great care being taken that this Auxiliary became not an Enemy, that is, that neither these Inarticulate Sounds smother'd the Words, nor that the Mind was diffracted by attending to too much at once.

These kind of Thoughts probably gave rise to the Opera, which may be consider'd either as a Theatrical Representation affifted by Musick, or a Musical Entertainment explain'd by Words, and improv'd by Representation. Those that consider it in the First View, may justly complain of the same Number of Instruments, and Variety of Musick, which is a Beauty to those that take it in the Other, Both must have Nature as their Foundation, which they must never depart from; but the farther they go from Common Nature, the better; provided the Pleasure advances too, and the Sense is not loft: 'Tis two several kinds of Nature that are improv'd upon; Words, of

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Words, and meer Sounds; and the Masters in both these kinds may be equally Excellent, tho' we may Like one kind of Opera better than the other. And as in One of these Notions the Words are the Principal, and the Instruments (amongst which I now consider a Humane Voice) in the Other, 'tis not necessary that Both should be Equally taken care of in Both cases: A Play assisted by Musick ought to be finely written; but that Excellence that is required in a Poem is not to be expected in Words which are only to explain Sounds, in which the Sense is intended Principally to lie.

'Tis upon fuch Rational grounds as gave rife to the Opera, that Singing and Musick has been made use of in the Divine Worship in almost all Ages and Nations: In our Cathedral-Service at present the Chanting, and Anthems, are Sacred Recitative, and Songs. And the Same Reasons would make them common to every Parish-

Church, if Others did not forbid it.

In many cases any one of the several ways of communicating our Ideas would be very Imperfect, and hardly of any use without the assistance of some other: Thus the Musick in an Opera, how Expressive soever, would of it self be unintelligible without the Words; and thus tho' a History-Picture conveys the Idea of Men, Women, &c. to understand Fully what the Painter intended, a previous knowledge of the Story by the help of Words is Absolutely necessary: As on the other hand there are abundance of cases, in which Language, and all the Other means of conveyance are Insufficient, or

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Useless, and the dernier Resort is in Painting, and Sculpture; so that where these Arts have been wanting, the Species were mere Mutes in Some, and little better in Other Instances. Let the Historian relate any of the great Actions of Antiquity, and let the same Actions be represented on the Stage; the Habits, Arms, &c. cannot be describ'd in Words, the Representation of them then must be wrong: And where shall we find such Airs of Heads? I don't say to resemble the Persons, but of those noble and strong Characters, as in the Works of the ancient Sculptors, and of our best Painters, who have form'd their Ideas chiefly upon those excellent Models.

It is a question not so easily decided, as I believe it will be thought to be, whether Painting and Sculpture more want the affiftance of Language, than Language of those Arts: It would be too much to go into the Detail of this matter, but I will mention one thing very confiderable: When we read, if the Subject furnishes us with any material Images, they are so many Pictures form'd in our Minds, and are Such as the Reader is capable of making; but as these Imaginary Pictures happen to be, we shall be More, or Less Touch'd, and Delighted with what we read; and shall moreover have a Truer, or Falfer Notion of the Thing. Now the Greatest, and almost the Only Help to improve These, is being conversant with the Works of the Best Masters in these two Arts; whereas in a History-Picture (for example) all may be feen Truly, and Strongly express'd, press'd, only Names, and Lesser Circumstances would be Unknown, or Mistaken without the

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But whether to affift us in forming thefe Mental Pictures when we read, or to furnish us with other Ideas at all times, the great bufiness of Painting is to Communicate, or Suggest those Thoughts which the Painter had, or ought to have had: And this is the True Test of the Goodness of a Picture; All the Rules of the Art tend to, and centre in This; Invention, Expression, Drawing, Colouring, Grace, and Greatness, do so manifestly, and the Composition is Better, or Worse, as it tends to set forth the Whole, and every Part to the best Advantage, fo as to convey the Ideas intended, especially the Principal, the most effectually; and the Pencil ought to be conducted with the fame View.

And thus every Man that can judge of the Beauties of Nature, and Discourse, may judge of the Goodness of a Picture, and not only of

what Pleases Himself.

If it be found that a Picture gives a very Sublime Idea of a Story, Person, or any thing else, or amore Advantageous one than is Generally to be had, That is one of the most Excellent kind: If Common Nature be Truly represented, That is a Good Picture, as furnishing us with a Just Idea: But to have False ones obtruded upon us, and such as Debase those we have, is Detestable, and This is what Bad Pictures always do. The Painters in the First Instance conceive Finely, and are able to commu-

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nicate those fine Ideas; the Others see Right, and can Express what they see; but Ill Painters see not the Beauties of what is before their Eyes; and when they attempt to tell what they Think they see, they fall even below That; like People that tell a Story Sillily; you may perceive somewhat of what they aim at, but 'tis told without Exactness or Wit.

'Tis upon this account that we prefer the Painters that lived two hundred Years ago to those of a later Time, and the Roman School to that of Venice. From These we have Great, and Just Ideas: an Antique Story is represented as Such, as to the Persons, Habits, and other Circumstances; and as the best Historians and Poets represent them; from the Others we have no Ideas of this kind; but fuch as a Man acquainted with good Authors, and with Antiquity, or which Imagines things finely must reject as Counterfeit; and generally Low, and Unworthy; for true Greatness does not confift in Flutter, and Gawdy Colours. In a Word, 'tis upon This account that we prefer (for instance) Raffaele to Paolo Veronese; the Latter may give us a better Idea of a Man's Complexion, and drefs him Finer, but 'tis from the Other we shall conceive more advantagiously of his Understanding, and Magnanimity; and even his Drefs shall be more truely Great, and Becoming.

And for the same Reason it is that the Statues, and Bas-reliefs of the Ancients are so greatly esteem'd. There we see such Humane Bodies and Airs; Thence we have such Plea-

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If the Workmanship be never so Exquisite; if the Pencil or Chissel be in the utmost degree sine; and the Idea of the Persons, or Things represented is Low, or Disagreeable, the Work may be Excellent, but the Picture, or Sculpture is in the main Contemptible, or of little Worth. Whereas on the other hand let the Ideas we receive be Great and Noble, 'tis Comparatively of no Importance whether the Work is

Rough, or Delicate.

The Truth is, few People see the Beauties of Things; the Objects are Seen, as the Sounds of Musick are Heard; but 'tis necessary to have an Eye for One, as well as an Ear for the Other, and both Improv'd by Study, and Application. Herein consists the Difficulty of Judging of a Picture, as 'tis the true Reason why there are so few good Painters, or good Judges. Tis not easy to Paint well, but easier than to See well; that is an Art that is learnt by conversing with the Best Masters, and the Best Authors; but even all this is not sufficient without Genius, and Application, at least to earry a Man any considerable Length.

When one sees a Good Picture: If a History, tho' the Story is not known; or an Allegory, and that not understood; or a Portrait of one we never saw, or heard of; or a View of we know not what Place; tho' the Principal Idea design'd by the Painter is not convey'd, Fine Airs of Heads, Graceful and Noble Attitudes, Strong Expressions of the Pas-

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fions, or Dispositions of the Soul, Beautiful Forms, and Colours; fomething to Engage, Adorn, and Entertain the Mind is to be found: And tho' there were nothing more than Harmony, an Artful Disposition of Lights, and Shadows, or even than a good Manner of Painting; one that Practifes, or would only Judge of the Art, will find Advice, and Instruction, as well as Pleafure. What then must be the Delight and Advantage of feeing a fine Piece of Workmanship, Lights, and Shadows Judiciously disposed; Harmony, Lovely Colours, and Forms of Things; Noble and Graceful Airs, and Attitudes; Just, and strong Expressions, and the Subject well imagined, and throughly Known, and Understood. This is receiving a multitude of fine Ideas, and in the most Perfect, and most Agreeable manner.

Without throughly knowing the Subject, or being a good Connoisseur, One is like him that reads a good Author in a Language he is not perfect in; he may find wherewithal to Instruct, and entertain him to a certain Degree, but many of the Beauties will be lost to him; whereas he that is every way qualified has the Intire Benefit from a Good Book, or a Good

Picture.

After all it must be confess'd, that the Arts I have been discoursing of are not so necessary to Human Life as some others; Mankind might indeed subsist without them. Ours is a mix'd State, divided between struggling to avoid, or get rid of Pain, and Positive Enjoyment; One is driving Hannibal out of Italy; the

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yly, he the Other making Foreign Conquests; the One seems to be Superinduced upon the Fall, the Other what was Originally intended for us in Paradise: And accordingly there are Arts and Employments subservient to us in Each of these Circumstances; the First kind are absolutely Necessary, the Others not. Let those Necessary ones boast of that Necessary; They are Ministerial to us only as Wretched Beings; whereas Painting, and Sculpture are of the foremost in the number of those that are adapted to a State of Innocence, and Joy: they are not necessary to our Being; Brutes, and Savage Mensubssist without them: But to our Happiness as Rational Creatures they are Absolutely so.



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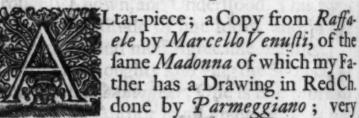
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In St. Agostino. A Small, Old, Dark Church.

Second Chapel.

M. Venusti.



good, and well Colour'd. On the fides are two Figures, both St. Johns; one the Baptist in the Wilderness, and t'other (on the Righthand) the Evangelist Aged, having his Gospel in his Hand, and one of the finest Figures Iever faw, an Air of a Head like Raffaele, andas fine altogether as his Prophet in this Church. 'Tis well preserv'd, and in a good Light. I Parmeggiano. believe 'tis of Parmeggiano. Ab. Titi has taken no notice of these two side Pictures.

Fifth Chapel.

St. Helen that finds the Cross. This Cha-Dan. da Volterra. pel ROME

pel is so dark that one can hardly discover the figures, they being dark themselves; but what appears, don't feem to be good.

Sixth Chapel.

St. Austin; Altar-piece, Dark Manner, ve-Guercino, ry Disagreeable, and Spoil'd. The Saneta Petronella of St. Peters, the Dido of Spada, and others are in this Dark Manner, which the Italians like best. For my own part his Gay Manner is more to my Taste; the other is not only Unpleasant, but Unnatural; 'tis impossible that the Lights can appear so very Bright, and the Shadows so Black, and Dark; If only Force is required, Guido has given That sufficiently without Black in all his Pictures, as in the Aurora of Rospigliosi, the Magdalen of Barberini, &c.

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Chapel of the Pamfilii on the Left-hand returning.

Melchiore Caffà Maltese.

St. Thomas of Villa Nova giving Alms to a Woman, in Marble. The Woman is the best Modern Statue I ever saw; she is young, and extremely beautiful; an Air of a Head, Great, but wonderfully Gentile, and a Turn of the Neck I think as beautiful as that of the Venus of Medicis. The Drapery is entirely Modern, of Silk, but in such Great Folds, and that shew the Naked so well, that I prefer it to any of the Antique that I have seen. [N.B. This was before I had seen the Flora, and some others.] Her Hair is tied up in something a different manner from the Venus, but as delicate. She presses to her a Child with her Lest-arm, and holds out her Right to receive the Money.

Ercole Ferra-

This Groupe was finish'd by Ercole Ferrata, so that I can't judge what share of the Honour of it belongs to him that began it 'till have seen more of the Latter; however the Design is His, which is as Noble, and Gentle as any Body has ever made, either in Painting or Sculpture.

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Over the Principal Door is the St. Austin Raffaele, or furrounded by Angels, very well preserved. his School. Tis a very large Picture, and feems to be extremely good, but so High, though in a Good Light, that one cannot judge of it very exactly.

Upon one of the Pilasters that divide the Isle Ditto. on the Left-hand from the Body of the Chapel, is the famous Prophet Isaiah, also very well preserv'd, but not in a good Light at all; for as one looks upon it one is dazzled with the glare from feveral Windows which one can't tell how to hide; but notwithstanding the Difadvantage'tis feen at, it appears to be a Noble Picture, Beautifully, and Boldly Colour'd, an open Great Contour; in short, its Merit is equal to its Reputation. The Knee in particular is fuch as to demand the Notice Mich. Angelo is faid to have taken of it.

The Story (as I remember) is thus: A Gentleman had made a Vow upon a certain Condition to give a Picture to this Church by one of the Best Masters; Providence perform'd its part; and the Votist being willing to make His as Easy to himself as possible, employ'd Raffaele indeed; but because he was but a young Man, and rifing into Credit, he judg'd he would do it Cheaper than one whose Reputation was Establish'd. When the Picture was done, a Larger Price, was demanded than the Good Man expected, and a Dispute arose. To determine which this Cunning Person offer'd to refer it to Mich. Angelo; Raffaele agreed; Mich. Angelo instead of Depreciating it as the Honest Gentleman hoped, after having look'd H 3 upon

upon the Picture with Admiration for some time, said the Knee only was worth the Mo.

ney; and Raffaele had it.

This Figure is Large Life, painted in Oil; there is a Print of it, the Title Page to Raffaele's Bible by Chapron. It has an old ordinary Frame, probably that which it had at first.

This Picture, according to Vafari, had been finish'd before Raffaele saw the Works of M. Angelo, which happen'd at this time by the means of Bramante the Pope's Architect, and Raffaele's Relation, who had the Keys of the Capella Sista in the Absence of Mich. Angelo who was gone to Florence; but he afterwards alter'd it to what it now is; and here 'twas first found what Advantage it was to Raffaele to have feen these Works. This Advantage himself was sensible of, if it be true which Benedetto Varchi fays in his Funeral Oration of that Great Florentine Painter, Sculptor, and Architect, That he thank'd God there was fach a Man as Mich. Angelo. Under this Picture is

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Ditto.

A St. Anne. And in a Nich on the Righthand coming into the Principal Door, is

A Madonna. These are Statues in a Great Manner, but not well imagin'd, and something Stiff.

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The third Chapel on the Right-hand.

The Beata Rita on the Altar is Black, and Ca. Giacin. good for nothing. But upon the Left-fide the Brandi. Jame Saint dying, and addressing her felf to Christ, and the Virgin in the Clouds has a fine Expression, and is admirably Drawn, and Colour'd; in the Taste of P. da Cortone, by Piet. Lucatelli his Disciple.

The Chapels of St. Austin, and St. Gulielmo, Lanfranc. are all painted by Lanfranc. The Disciples looking into the Sepulchre, a Half-round over against the Window, my Father has the Draw-

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The Madonna della Pace,

Is another Small, Old, Dark Church, and the Java the Profes the Doors little as of a Common Room, but 'tis Neat for Deposition nella the Here are the Prophets and Sibyls of Raffaele. del Refer 2. Lett.

In all the Roman Catholick Churches and Sibyls of Raffaele.

In all the Roman Catholick Churches are Raffaele. In Patrice Chapels belonging to particular Families, some 24. p. 36. as large as a small Church, others as a great Room; others as it were let into the Wall so as to admit only the Altar, and the Priest that officiates, the People remaining in the Body of the Church: This Church being but a little one, the Chapels are of this latter kind, and the Pictures are over; and on the Sides of the Arch that opens into one of these Chapels; the

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First on the Right-hand as you come in at the Principal Door; they are in four feveral Divifions, two on each fide; the two uppermost have in each two Prophets holding Cartels, and those below have each a Sibyl; all these are accompany'd with Boy-Angels, and those of the other kind; and one of the Sibyls is looking towards a Young Woman fitting unemploy'd: This Sibyl is that which is in Bifcop's Book ascrib'd to Mich. Angelo. My Father has feveral of the Drawings for this Divifion, and that Stiffness about the Head, and Neck of this Young Woman which is feen in these Drawings is also in the Picture: my Father has also the Drawing of one of the Prophets in this fide; one of Rubens of the Division where are the other Prophets; and a Copy of the other Sibyl, fo that he has almost this Whole Work. There are Prints of the Prophets by Chateau.

These Admirable Paintings are in Fresco, but very much Damaged, especially towards the top on the side farthest from the Door of the Church, even pieces of the Mortar are broken off in some places. One sees a Greatness of Style throughout, and the General Design; but as for Airs of Heads, Contours, and other such Particularities, they are almost gone. However, by what is lest here, and what is seen in the Drawings, without having regard to Raffaele's great Character, one cannot doubt

but they were admirable.

The Subject in no otherwise Historical, than to shew that there were such People

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who being Divinely Illuminated, Foretold the Incarnation of the Eternal Son of God Ages before it happen'd: And as this Confideration, and the Airs, and Expression which may be given to such Figures are capable of exciting Sentiments of Veneration, and Piety, they

are very proper for a Church.

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But Raffaele feems not to have contented himself with a fort of mere Portraits of these Messengers of Heaven to Mankind, he has enrich'd his Subject (as I said) with Angels of both kinds; and (I think I don't see Beauties he never intended) the Sibyl in that Division where is the Figure of the Young Woman sits stretching out her Neck, and fixing her Eyes upon her in a fort of Admiration: Surely that Figure is for the Blessed Mary, who this Prophetess supposed to see in Vision, and to consider as the Virgin-Mother of him who was

the Desire of all Nations.

Vafari says, this Work was esteem'd to be the Best that Raffaele ever did; and that This Excellency (as that of the Prophet in St. Austin's) was owing to his having seen the Works of Mich. Angelo, as was said just now: And 'tis true that here is manifestly a great deal of the Style of that Vast Genius. This my Father, and I observ'd, in the Drawing of the Prophet mention'd above, the first moment we saw it, and before we knew where 'twas painted. Whether this Author is so right in saying this Work of the Pace was done After that of St. Agostino I am a little Doubtful, because there is something of a Dryness, and Stiffness very Visible.

Visible, both in the Drawings, and Painting of these Prophets, and Sibyls, which I don't find in That other; and which always diminish'd as he Ripen'd more, and more almost every Day of his Life, and approach'd towards that Excellency he at length attain'd.

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The Prophets and Sibyls of Timoteo d'Urbino are opposite to these, and over, and on the side of a like Arch, and much in the same Form, and Situation, and preserv'd too like these; nor can one well judge which are Best,

for what appears is Admirable.

If Raffaele had as much Merit as ever any Man had, there were Others that at this time feem to have had an Equal share with him as a Painter merely, though He has all the Glory, and fuch Men as Garofalo, Fra. Bartolomeo, and this Timoteo in particular, are hardly fo much as heard of. There must have been other Qualities that turn'd the Scale fo strongly on His side, and recommended him to the Efleem of those to whom he own'd his Advancement. But perhaps after all, more Merit of either kind would have been Infufficient, without the Assistance of a Friend that had Interest and Affiduity. Such a one Raffaele had, and was diftinguish'd betimes. Afterwards these Advantages would naturally occasion his acquiring a Superiority in Painting, as it happen'd.

Vincenzo de' Rossi. The Marble Chapel is next to Raffaele's, and faid to be of Vincenzo de' Rossi da Fiesole. The Old Men over the Arch are better than ever I saw of Bacc. Bandinelli, and some-

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thing in his Taste, as well for the Airs of the Heads, as the Actions, both which are Admirable: 'tis in very high Relief. If any thing of Baccio is so good as this, 'tis the Basis for an Equestrian Statue of Cosimo I. that stands in the place before the Ch. of St. Lorenzo in Florence.

The Salutation of the Virgin and St. Eliza- Carlo Marat. beth is extremely fine, particularly the Virgin: my Father has two several Drawings, one in Red, the other in Bl. Ch. for her Head in Profile.

Over the Arch of the next Chapel to this is Batt. Peruzzi. the famous Picture of the Virgin going to the Temple, where an Old Gentleman gives Alms, and another Man is just got off his Horse. It is a Large Picture, with many Figures, preserved as those of Raffaele, or something better; what remains is extremely good: my Father has the entire Original Drawing.

The Altar-piece of the next Chapel to that Gir. da Sermoof the Crucifix is the Nativity, and Shepherds.

A noble Picture, and tolerably Colour'd, the
Airs are extremely good. 'Tis well enough
preferv'd.

The Cupola of the Chapel over against Raf-Bald. Peruzzi, faele's is painted with Histories of the Old Testament in small Squares. 'Tis worse conferv'd than any.

Piazza Navona.

In this Piazza is the Fountain of Bernini; Bernini. itis a vast Rock pierc'd through, and through, so as to be divided into four parts which unite a-top,

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a-top, where is plac'd an Ægyptian Obelisk: toward the bottom of each part of the Rock is feated a Collossal Figure representing one of the four principal Rivers, with great Fishes, a Lyon, and Sea-Horse, as coming out from the hollow middle. Upon this Rock, which is about 27 Foot high, on a Pedestal of near 17 Foot, is put the Guglio, which is almost 60 Foot high, on which is a Cross with other Ornaments; the wholeWork from top to bottom amounting to about 110 Foot in height. There is a very entertaining Account of this stupendious Work in Baldinucci's Life of Bernino, to which I refer you. My Father has a Model of the Fountain by Camillo Rosconi. In the Summer this Square is overflow'd with Water about two Foot deep, more or less as they pleafe, through which the Coaches drive (for here is the Ring.) The Noise of the Splashing of the Horses Feet in the Water, with that of the prodigious quantity which gushing from this vast Rock, and in some parts tumbling down a great height, and breaking on other parts of the Fountain, fo as to fling a fort of Dew all about; together with the Echoes from the Palaces, and Churches all round the Piazza, is indeed Sublime.

The Church of St. Agnes.

Ciro Ferri.

The Cupola is painted; has many fine Actions of Angels, Saints, &c. and prodigiously Gay, and Light; but so full of Figures, and without any manner of Harmony, that 'tis Disagreeable: As all Pictures, especially large Compo-

Compositions, must needs be where the Great Masses are not carefully preserv'd.

One of the Altars here that is cut in Bas- Melch. Caffa. relief is very good, but not comparable to that in St. Austin's; the Story is St. Eustachius, and other Saints exposed to be devoured by Lyons.

The Capitol.

One ascends by Stairs of a vast length, and broad, but not deep, bounded with Balustrades; at the Foot of which on each fide is a Lyoness on a Pedestal of Ægyptian Marble, pouring Water out of her Mouth into a Basin, out of which it flows by feveral Streams into another below. At the Head of these Stairs are Castor and Pollux holding their Horses as they appear'd to the Romans after the Victory over the Volsci; they stand on Noble Pedestals; these Statues are Antique, of a Great Style, but not Elegant. This delivers you into a large Square, in the midst of which is the Equestrian Statue of Marcus Aurelius; on the opposite side is the Principal Building of the Capitol, built by Mich. Angelo, and others, to which you afcend by a Stair-Cafe which ranges on both fides with the Building, and meets a-top in the Centre, delivering you into the Lodgings of the second Story. In a Nich in the middle of this Stair-Case is a Roma Triumphans, and Fountain encompass'd by a Semicircle of Balustrades; on either side is a Figure representing a River, one the Nile, the other the Tyber. Two other sides of this Square are Buildings

Buildings with Porticoes lately finish'd: The Principal Building has a fort of Steeple in the middle, and all round a-top runs a Balustrade adorn'd with Statues, amongst these a fine Vewus of Med. Antique. That side of the Square by which you enter is open, only a Balustrade ranges on both fides from the Head of the Stairs. On Pedestals inserted, on one side, and the other are, first Trophies, faid to be of Marius, but are of Trajan; then an Antique Statue, and at the end the Columna Milliaria, a Pillar which the Romans fet up at the end of every Mile, even to a vast distance from Rome. So that to defcribe a place one, two, or three Miles from thence, and fo on, it was customary to fay, Primus, Secundus, Tertius ab Urbe Lapis. These Pillars, Statues, and Trophies, by their being feverally of a like height on each fide, and different one from the other, have a Beautiful Effect.

The Marcus Aurelius on Horseback is much bigger than Nature; a Wonderful Statue! 'tis of Brass, and has been Gilt; some of the Remains of the Gilding are yet seen,'tis well preserv'd. 'Twas found in the time of Sixtus IV. A. 1475. lying in a little Subterraneous place near St. John Lateran, and set up thereabouts, but remov'd by Paul III. 1538, and placed here. Sandraart says, that when Totila took Rome he was so pleas'd with this Statue, that he caus'd it (alone of all those in Rome) to be embark'd in the Port of Ostia, but that it was afterwards taken again by Belisarius, and placed by him in the Piazza of

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St. John Lateran; for this however (as his Custom is) he quotes no Author. Vasari and Donatus say it was placed there by Sixtus IV. without mentioning Belisarius at all. This only remains of 24 Gilt Equestrian Statues, which 'tis said were part of the Ornaments of Ancient Rome. See Massei's Notes in Rossis Book.

'Tis set upon a high Pedestal, and has a Noble Appearance, but would still look finer if the Roma Triumphans, and other Figures which are behind it, and seen together with it, had not the same ill effect as a Ground too strong, and in broken parts has behind a Figure in a Picture; the Eye is something diverted and perplex'd.

It is observable that the Bridle is much like

what we now use.

The same are seen in a Bas-relief of this Emperor triumphing over the Germans, which is as you go up the great Steps here on the Lest-hand.

In the Court on that side.

Two Agyptian Kings; Colossus, Touchstone; a Noble Great Style, perfectly well preferv'd as to what remains of them, for they want the Hands; and the Head of one of them is off, but so as to be put on without being the worse for that Accident, it not being lost. They were found in the Gardens of the Duke d'Acqua Sparti à S. Pietro, about a Year ago. They seem to be a sort of Cariatides, but that they have nothing like Capitals on their Heads.

Four Ægyptian Idols, Women, supported against Obelisks, which have all Hieroglyphicks; One is of Black Marble, and the rest of Mottled, Red and Grey. They were found lately in the Gardens of Verospi, which are a part of those which were anciently of Saluss, where a vast many of the finest Antiques have been found.

Coloffus of Constantine, much damag'd.

Marforio, a Colossal Figure of a River, well enough preserv'd, and of a great Taste, the

Head especially.

Antique Sepulchral Chest; Oblong of two Yards by two Foot, sull of Bas-relief, very high, but bad Work, and much damaged. Tis said to be of Alex. Severus, and his Mother Julia Mammea; 'tis printed in Peter San-Eta's Book of Ancient Sepulchres, p.81,82,83.

Term of a Minerva; very great Style, and

fine Air of a Head. Coloff.

These Antiques in this Court lye as in a Lumber-house without any Order, 'till 'tis re-

folv'd where to dispose of them.

When I was in Rome the Pope came to view them, and one or two of the Ægyptian Statues were removed and set up under the Portico over against the Gate on the other side which is sinish'd. This Court was also order'd to be built in the time of Clement VIII. in the same manner as That (which was done by M. Angelo under Paul III.) but the Foundations were but just laid, when (for what Reason! know not) 'twas left off.

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In the Entry going up Stairs,

A Colossal Foot upon a round Pedestal, with a Sacrifice in Bas-relief, fine. Over it is wrote on the Wall,

Quo Pede nunc utar dubia est sententia nobis.
Ovid.

In the Room where is the Collection of Carlo Marat, which is to be fold by Lottery.

Hercules Aventinus, standing, with Apples in his Left-hand, and his Right holds some-Rolling. In his close the end of a Club, or part of a Bow. He is cloathed with a Lyon's Skin; very Young, Short, and Fat; but a very Noble Style.

Several Heads upon square Pedestals, like

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Three of Plato.

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Alcibiades; a Lovely Air, and fine Greek Taste.

Hiero; has the Air of a young Woman; the Nose has been broken off. This is the best of all these Heads, tho' not perfect, as not being the very highest Greek Taste.

A Woman, Fortune-teller, very Capricious

Action, and perfectly Fine.

Statue of Marius; Exquisite.

Poppea Sabina, the same Action as that in the Garden of Farnese on Mount Palatine, only

only that This leans the Right-arm on the Back of a Chair, the other lies in her Lap; the Head falls a little back, and then looks up. The same Size.

Hercules Aventinus found in Mount Aventine, of Touch-stone, a Boy of three Years old, but a Colossal Figure; he is standing, and holding the Serpents. 'Tis an Ægyptian Taste, as appears by the Face, and is extremely good.

Court on the Right,

Coloff. Head of Domitian, Marble.

Another of Commodus, Brass; both almost as high as a middling Man.

The Feet, and a Hand of a vast Colossus of

Apollo.

Lyon tearing a Horse; the Action extremely fine, but the Horse is not of a good Style; the Lyon admirable.

Roma Triumphans fitting, not the best manner; Colossal: 'tis upon a Pedestal that has a Woman weeping: Incomparable.

On the other side of the Capitol, in several Rooms.

A Brass Head of Lucius Junius Brutus, the Eyes of an Antique Composition to imitate the Natural Colour.

Over a Door in Bas-relief, the Head of Mithridates King of Pontus, vastly bigger than the Life. Great Greek Taste.

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The Fasti Consulares placed in a kind of a Façade, of an Antique Building of four Pila-sters,

sters, like the Arundel Marbles. Antique Infcription. Amongst other things'tis here said,

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In another Room.

A Head of an Apollo, one of the most Famous Heads in Rome; the Particularity of the Thickness, and Flatness of the Nose more so here than in the Venus of Medicis; a Mark that it is of a Dorick Master.

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Hercules, Antique, Bigger than the Life: Remains of Gilding appear in some parts; he holds Apples in his Left-hand, the Club in his Right.

Cicero in a Confular Habit. The Cicer is added.

A Statue call'd Virgil, but no Head to it.

In another Room.

The most ancient Wolf, with Romulus and Remus sucking it. 'Tis in Brass, a great part of the Lest-leg behind is melted by Lightning, which Cicero says happen'd in his time.

The Slave taking the Thorn out of his form 42 Foot, and by it a Minister of the Sacrifices, Rossi 23. call'd the Camillus; my Father has a Drawing of it in Red Chalk of Raffaele: On the

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other side of the same Paper is another Drawing, a Pen, by the same Hand, of the Slave. Both these Statues are in Brass, the last is a perfectly fine Figure as any in Rome. It stands upon a Pedestal of Marble with three Sides, upon every one of which is a Figure of a Bacchante of the best Greek Taste. That Figure pulling out the Thorn is call'd the Shepherd Martius in the Inscription under it.

I must take leave to say, that Maffei's Notes on these two Figures might have been spar'd. That this is a Camillus, and not resembling a Woman, besides my own Memory, Raffaele's Drawing just now mention'd is a good Argument. And the Old Account of this Slave is

probable as what he advances.

At the bottom of the Stairs is the ancient Rostral Pillar set up for Duilius; 'tis of Parian Marble. Ficaroni believed 'twas restor'd by Augustus, because Livy says 'twas spoil'd by Lightning: One Proof is, upon the Decks of the Ships there are Tritons, and Sea-horses of an Admirable Taste, which could not be done in the time of Duilius, but the Inscription is certainly of That Age.

Near that in a Nich is a Statue of Augustus Casar after the Battel of Actium; the Prowof a Ship at his Foot, and which was always put upon his Medals after that Battel, proves this. A Print of it is in Rossi's Statues, No. 16.

In the Great Court the Colossal Head of Domitian is of a vast Taste, but however not Good. This stands upon a Pedestal, on which

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is a Bas-relief, a Figure representing a Province; but what Province is not known. In the Pantheon anciently stood the Statues of all the Gods, each upon such a Pedestal, with Figures representing Provinces; This was one of those: 'tis a Greek Taste.

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This Palace is now Uninhabited, and gone to Ruin in a great measure; and is so Unfrequented, that the Court through which one goes to the House is all overgrown with Grass; and they told me no body had been to see this Gallery for about two Years: the Keys were hardly to be found; and I was not without great danger of not seeing it, though I was at Rome several Months.

The Gallery of Psyche, which is one of the Raffaele. most famous Works of Raffaele; and the Painting as well as the Gallery has been Repair'd. Tis a Ground Room looking into, and ranging with the Garden.

The Pictures are painted in a fort of Lunettes, form'd by a Semicircle within a Tall Arch ending in a Point, and the Triangles between the Arches. The Semicircles on one side of the Gallery are form'd by the Tops of the Windows, and the rest are made to agree with those. Of the Triangles I spoke of there are Four on each side of the Gallery, and One at each end: Of the Lunettes there are Two at each end, and Five on each side. On the the Ceiling are Two large Pictures. In those Triangles, and that Ceiling, are painted the

feveral parts of the Story, as Raffaele has told it, and which he has not made so long as Appleius who is the Author of it: He has only taken the great Parts. In the Lunettes are Amorettoes bearing the Spoils of the Gods, only the first has one touching with his Finger the Point of an Arrow, to show the Sharpness of those of Love; and the last has another Boy with a Lyon, and Sea-horse Rein'd, to show that All is under his Empire: so that the Moral is interspers'd throughout the Fable. The Figures are something bigger than the Life, painted as if seen in the Air, a Sky being the Ground of the Pictures.

The Gallery is Small, but very Lightfome,

and Gay.

The twelve Pictures, Ten in the Triangles, and Two in the Ceiling say, that 'Venus shews Psyche on the Earth (who is not seen but suppos'd)directing Cupid to make her Miferable by a Wound of an Arrow, in Revenge of her drawing off Her Worshippers to her self. Cupid instead of that falls in Love with Psyche; finely express'd by 'his shewing her (still Suppos'd, not Seen in the Picture) to the Graces. Venus provok'd applies to Juno and Ceres, who Excuse Cupid, and endeavour to Appeale her; whereupon 4 fhe mounts in her Chariot to Complain to Jupiter, ' which she does 6 Jupiter sends Mercury to convoke the Gods. In the mean time 'Phyche having obtain'd of Proserpine the Beautifying Particle inclosed in a small Vessel, seeks Venus, and presentsit to her. Cupid flies to Jupiver, and is well receiv'd; ld

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receiv'd; and ' Psyche is brought by Mercury: "the Gods are affembled in Council; and "afterwards at a Banquet upon occasion of the Marriage of Cupid and Psyche, where she is admitted into the number of the Deities, and receives Immortality. Thefe two last Pictures are in the Ceiling, of many Figures each: All the rest are of One, generally of Two, fometimes of Three, and in one there are Four Figures. The Arches, Triangles, and Lunettes, are form'd by Festons of Foliage, painted by Giovanni da Vdine. These are a fort of Frames to the Pictures. The Whole is accurately describ'd by Bellori, with several fine Remarks; and Sir Nich. Dorigny has made Prints of them.

Agostino Chigi, from whom this Palace was formerly named, employ'd Raffaele in this Work at the same time as he was engaged in several Others, Some even More considerable than This; and Agostino thinking Raffaele too long about it, and fansying his frequent Absence from it was occasion'd by his Gallantries, the Story is, that he permitted him to take his Mistress into the House, that he need not loose time in going after her. It might be Sooner, it does not appear to have been Better done by this Expedient.

If this Story is true, what is commonly faid is hardly Credible, viz. that All but two or three Figures were painted by Giulio Romano, from the Designs of Raffaele; and yet That appearing so probable from the Work it self,

makes this Tale doubtful.

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That the Design is of Raffaele is certain; and as certain that all is painted by Himfelf, or his Disciples; but nevertheless this Celebrated Work was undoubtedly Red, and Bricky, Hard, and without Harmony, and confequently not very agreeable at First; and having been much Decay'd, it was Retouch'd, and in many parts entirely gone over by Carlo Marat; who tho' a very admirable Master, has not only not restored Raffaele injur'd by Time, but Injur'd him more than Time had done, or could have done. Whether what Carlo did is not what it was when first done, but that the Colours are starv'd, or otherwise alter'd, or whether he fail'd in his Judgment, or in the Execution, certain it is, that what with the Harsh, the Bricky, Thick, Heavy Colouring of the Old, and the Fierce Blue of the New Skies, which is the General Ground of the Figures, both of the Larger, and the Lesser Pictures, together with the Glaring Retouchings, or Painting upon throughout, which appears not unlike the White Heightnings upon a new Drawing, this whole Work as it now stands, is far from anfwering the Idea one is apt to form of it from the Name of Raffaele, from its Own great Fame, and from the Prints. On the contrary one is Disappointed, and Grieved.

Not but that when the feveral Parts are separately consider'd, and the *Tintamarre* arising from the want of Composition, and Harmony, especially in the Banquet, and Council is not attended to; there are to be found a great many particular Beauties; Fine Thoughts, At-

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titudes, Contours, a great Style of Painting, &c. But it must be said too, that in this way of considering this Gallery, one discovers much to Dislike, as well as much to be Pleas'd with.

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Venus drawn by the two Doves is I think the best Figure in the whole Work, both for Defign and Colouring. At the Banquet where the comes in Dancing her Face is thort, very Red, and not at all Handsome. The Mercury, a fingle Figure which is at the end of the Gallery facing you as you come in, is a Noble Figure, and has a prodigious Vivacity. It is Bellori's Observation, that the three Brother Gods Jupiter, Pluto, and Neptune, have a Fraternal Resemblance, but so as withal to denote their feveral distinct Characters. The Back of one of the Graces (and which is agreed is of Raffaele's own Hand) is very fine, but the Face of the middle one is very Ugly. The Cupid is a very Bricky Figure; of which Colour the parts of the Graces that are contiguous are so strongly tincted, that it seems as if his Body was a Hot Coal, and cast a Reslection on what was near it. If Raffaele meant this as an Allegory 'tis not a Fault, but a Beauty; and possibly That was his Intention, and the Thought may have been taken from Moschus an old Greek Poet, who in his Amor Fugitivus, making Venus describe her Son, says amongst other things,

Χρῶτα μορί & λουκός, πυρί δ' έικελ .

This Excuse may be thought too partial, and Recherche, especially since there are so many

many Instances here of these Faults in Colouring; but it will appear to be less so, if it be considered that besides what Talents this Painter possessed of his Own, he had the Assistance of the chief *Literati* then in *Rome*. However I ought not to omit it, nor do I insist on it.

I might add other Particulars, whether Beauties or Defects, but that would be too tedious. So that I shall content my self with observing that the two great Pictures on the Ceiling are made to represent Tapestries of those Stories, and fix'd there; probably to excuse the Foreshortnings which Figures above the Eye and in the Clouds must needs have. Whether Raffaele avoided These out of Choice, as believing them Ungraceful, at least every where but in the very point in which they are painted to be feen: Or whether it was because he thought himself not likely to fucceed in That way; or cared not to Study a Manner Then little known; or for whatever other Reafon, is Uncertain: But whether he used this Expedient of the Tapestry, or not, Generally his Ceiling-Figures differ not from the Others. As particularly in the Gallery in the Vatican where all those call'dhis Bible are Such. Annibale Carracci has done the fame thing in the Gallery of Farnese. Correggio is famous on the other hand for Fore-shortning his Figures, seen di sotto in su: Giulio Romano has also practifed This; and the Late Masters in General. Nor was Raffaele incapable of This if he had cared to apply himfelf to it, as appears by the Mosaic's in the Church of the Madonna del Popolo which were Defign'd by Him.

Up Stairs over the Chimney.

Vulcan at his Forge: 'tis not an Agreeable Picture; and the Colours seem to be Decay'd. 'Tis now of a Dirty, Brown, and Red Tinct. A Boy in it has a very fine Air: Throughout is seen a Great Style, and 'tis said to be of Raffaele, or Giulio, but I don't believe 'tis of either of them.

Another Chamber over that of the Galatea.

Over against the Window, Alexander of-Rinaldo Manfers a Crown to a Lady sitting upon a Rich Bed, tovano. and Undressing by Cupids.

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On one fide the Tent of Darius.

On the other a Battel, where Alexander is

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Excepting a General Air of the Roman School, This whole Room is one of the most Execrable Works that was ever done; there is not throughout one good Air of a Head, not One good standing, nor a Well Drawn Limb, no nor a Thought remarkably good.

In a lower Room by the Gallery.

The Galatea; 'tis pretty well preserv'd, but Raffaele. does not answer the Idea I had of it. The Face of the Galatea is not Handsome, nor perfectly well Drawn: And her Drapery, which was Red, and is flying in the Air, besides that it has no graceful Shape, is now so Black that it looks intolerably Heavy, and as Hard against the

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the Ground as if it was Inlaid: But doubtless much of this is owing to the Changing of the the Colour. Throughout the Colouring is Difagreeable, upon the Dirty Reddish Tinct.

All these Works in this Palace are in Fresco, In the last mention'd Room upon a Wall not painted, in a Corner is the Head Sketch'd with Mich. Angelo. Black Chalk, or Charcoal, by Mich. Angelo; 'tis a young Faunus-like Head, seen di sotto in state least as big again as the Life, and extremely fine; not Better however, tho' much Larger than what I have seen Elsewhere; nor indeed is it Equal to Some of Those. This is said to be That for the sake of which that side of the Room was not painted, because then this sine Head must have been destroy'd.

Villa Medicis.

The Niobe. I confider'd This, and every part of it for feveral Hours Alone. The Figures are placed upon a vaft Rock-like Heap of Stone, about the bigness of an ordinary Room, and not Group'd at all; every one is detach'd from the other, but nevertheless by Threes, of which there is Five; they form a fort of a Square, three Figures on each Side, and three in the Middle, in all Fifteen, comprehending the Horfe. This Injudicious way of fetting them is very Offensive to the Eye at first View. Nor are they all of a Taste; the Niobe her felf, and the Danghter she covers are Divine, and so is she that keeps up her Drapery with her Hand over her Shoulder; the Head of another of the Daughters is fo too, as is the whole Figure

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Figure of one of the Sons that is dead, and which is of the most beautiful Parian Marble, which the other Figures are not. There is an Old Man; He from the first feem'd to have no relation to the rest of the Figures, except that he is in a fright at fomething from above, which Fright is Nobly express'd: and enquiring more strictly into it, I found that His Head, which appears to be Roman upon all accounts, has also the Eye-balls mark'd, which the Greeks never did, nor is this done in any of the other Figures. When I mention'd the Son that is dead, Ishould have gone on to fay that 'tis the best Figure of them all to my Taste; and for Attitude, aud Contour, equal to any in Rome, take it in any View. Nor has it been mended in any part, as all the others have; it wants the Fingers of the Right-hand, and the Toes of the Left-foot, and half the Right-leg, besides that the Nose is broken off; but what remains of the Face has a perfectly fine Air: there are in feveral places the marks of Red Chalk, and Compasses for the measuring this Figure. In all of them where the Hands, and Feet were not join'd to Drapery, the Rock, or something else to secure them, they have been broken off. All but the Niobe are about the bigness of the Life, or rather more; she is abundantly larger. The Air of her Head is particularly fine (my Father has a Cast of the Face) the other Airs are (generally speaking) correspondent to the Figures, and Better, or Worfe, as Those are. Some (those I have mention'd) are very Fine, the rest are Indifferent, or very Bad. Cleopatra

Cleopatra Dying; this Figure touch'd me most of any in the Garden; 'tis three times as big as the Life; the Head is of the greatest Greek Taste, and can be compared to nothing but the Alexander dying in the Gallery of the Great Duke. The Expression is moving; she is most Evidently in great Agony, but without any manner of Grimace, or apparent Alteration in her Face, but that the Lid of one of her Eyes is more drawn over than the other, and her Chin seems to be drawn tight. I clamber'd up a piece of the ancient Wall of Rome to get upon this Figure to consider the Features distinctly, as I had before those of the Niobe, by the help of a like Expedient.

The fine Vase of the History of the Sacrifice of Iphigenia; 'tis publish'd in the Admily

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Two Captives on the Niches on each fide the Steps coming into the Garden, whose Faces and Hands are of Marble, and their Clothes of Oriental Granite.

Gallery in the Garden.

Apollo leaning upon the Stump of a Tree (which is cover'd with Drapery) his Legs across, and seeming to play upon a Lyre, tho none is here. A most Beautiful Air of a Head, and the Limbs, and Sweep of the Body as delicate as the Antinous of the Belvedere. He has a Swan at his Feet.

There are in this Gallery two other Apolloes, both Antique, fo much the same with This, as that they have no other Difference but that these these two look up, whereas This looks down a little, and that 'tis incomparably the Best.

Two Antique Copies of the Venus of Me-

dicis; tolerably good.

There are a great number, perhaps a hundred of these Antique Copies of this wonderful Statue in Rome, and Florence.

A Figure in the same Attitude as the Antinous (except the Head, which has a Helmet

on) and the fame Drapery.

Bacchus leaning one Arm upon a Stump with a Patera; Exquisitely good, and has a Lovely Sweep!

Apollo leaning upon his Lyre, a Serpent creeping up the Stump of a Tree, upon which

his Lyre is plac'd; Perfectly fine!

In the Portico leading to the Garden (call'd the Portico of the Lyons, because of two that are there, one Antique, the other done by Fla-Flaminius minius Vacca as a Fellow to it, but 'tis vastly Vacca. better)

Sabina, as fine as possible; Grav'd by Bif-

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Room fronting the Garden.

Satyr teaching a Young Man, perhaps Apollo; the Nose, and Lip of the latter, and the Nose and Chin of the other, has been broke off, and set on again. I am not very fond of this Groupe, tho' tis famous; the Legs of the Satyr are certainly very Bad.

Antique Copy of the Hercules Farnese; not very good; 'tis one of the little Statues upon

a Pillar.

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*Ganymede with the Eagle; a very famous Statue, but I confess I am not very much touched with it.

Marsyas ty'd to the Tree in order to be flead. I think altogether as fine as that Flead in the Gallery of the Great Duke: the Rightleg, Left-foot, part of the Left-arm and Nose are added; both Hands are Antique, and Admirable; the Head sinking upon his Bosom is as fine as any Antique in Rome, and so is the whole Torso.

Apollo, a famous Figure, his Right-armisover his Head; the Left-arm (which is added very Ill) leans upon a Stump; Feet added. The Head is very Good, but the Sweep, and whole Contour of the Body, and Thighs on both Sides in Perfection.

Hercules Farnese, a fine Antique Copy as big as the Life, the Hand that holds the Apples is added, as also that Arm.

Apollo sitting upon the Stump of a Tree, and playing upon a Fistula, his Legs across. Torso and Legs Antique, and Exquisite. Head, Arms, and Fistula Added. Detestable!

There are two Globes in the first Room, and a great Inlaid Table in the last; the Figures on

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^{*} The Ganymede in Perrier, and which is said to be in the Garden of Medicis is not This; That was brought from Rome to Florence at the same time with the Venus, and many other Statues, and which Suffer'd very much in the Carriage; particularly the Venus, which till then was in persent Preservation. Of this I was inform'd by Bianchi.

the Celestial Globe, and those on the Table Inlaid are said to be of Mich. Angelo. Those on the Globe are sine, and may be of Sebast. del Piombo, but are certainly not of Mich. Angelo: As for those on the Table, (which are Figures between Columns, and cover'd with Rock Crystal) they are Otherwise Inconsiderable, and design'd by some Inserior Hand.

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The Palace Farnese.

This Palace (as the Lungara) belongs to the Duke of Parma, who residing in his Capital, That is Desolate as I observ'd before. In a part of This is at present lodg'd the Envoy of Parma; but'tis not so frequented by Romans, or others, as one would imagine. 'Tis exceeding Magnificent, fufficiently fo to be the Palace of any King in Europe, and Large enough for almost All of them together: Built by Mich. Angelo out of Materials taken from the Collifeum, and Adorn'd with Antique Bas-reliefs, and other Ornaments inferted throughout the Frizes, and other parts of the Building. one of those fort of Palaces which the Italians call Isolato, that is, it is detach'd from all the circumjacent Buildings: a Great Square is before it, in which are two fine Fountains. You enter through a Gate like a Triumphant Arch, under which on either hand is a Portico about 30 Paces long, each having in the middle an Arch leading out of it: All this Gate-way is of Marble, as is in General the Palace, and other Works you find in approaching to it: fuch is another Gate opposite to this first, K

first, which you go through having pass'd a Court about the bigness, or rather something less than Lincoln's-Inn-Square (not the Fields) which is encompass'd by a Piazza This fecond Gate delivers you into a fecond Court, and That into the Palace. At the Entrance into the Apartments above Stairs stand the two Captive Dacian Kings, but which were much spoil'd a few Years fince by the Servants of a French Ambassador who was Complimented by the Duke of Parma with this Noble Residence. These Rascals made use of these Statues to beat and rub their Lighted Flambeaus against, which has fmear'd them abominably: my Father has a Drawing of these Kings done by Battifta Franco. In the first Court, and under the Piazzas are fix Statues. all upon Pedestals almost as high as a Man. That near the farthest Gate, and on the Lesthand of it coming in is the Hercules, of a Beautiful White Marble, mellow'd as to its Colour by Time; 'tis about three times as big as the Life, and well preferv'd, only that the Right-foot is added by Gulielmo della Porta, and is fo good that it's not having been done by M. Angelo; nay that 'tis not Antique, need not be regretted. This Statue was found in della Porta. Furonothe time of Paul III. about twenty Years after the Death of Raffaele, 'tis the Work of Glico an Athenian. In the long Piazza, on the same side, and at the endnext the Hercules il Buonarchi chimoisthe Flora, of which the Head, the Right-arm bene non deversegli from a little below the Shoulder, and the other mutare, per il from a little above the Elbow, and both the Hands;

- Ribrovala senza gambe, sudarono i nostri secoli a rifarle; e fu poi ribovate le proprie gambe Canno 1560. Ma. bello accompagna -

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Hands; and the Right-foot with about half the Leg, and the greatest part of the Lest-soot have been lost, but supplied by the same Excellent Master as repaired the Hercules; my Father has a most Exquisite Model of this Statue, just in the Condition it was before its lost

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On the fame side still, but at the other end of the Piazza, is the Gladiator, with another on his Shoulders whom he has flain, this is called Commodus, but Falfly. Just opposite to these Three are as many others, another Gladiator, another Flora, and another Hercules, all entirely Different from these, but Good. The two on each fide of the hithermost Gate, that is, the two Gladiators are fomething Lefs, the reft are much about the Size of the famous Hercules: which is fo Famous, and fo well known, and of which there are fo many Prints and Drawings, feveral of which my Father has by Battista Franco, Rubens, &c. that it needs no farther Description; unless it be that the This Figure, as welf as the Flora, are fo vaftly Large, and the first so Muscley, and Strong, neither of them appear Heavy, but the contrary.

In this Cortile under the Piazza on the Right-hand near the Hercules, is the great Urn found in the Monument of Cacilius Metellus, in which his Daughter was buried: the upper part is adorn'd with Foliage, and Animals intermix'd, like those of Giulio Romano, of whom my Father has several Drawings of this kind. The Work of this Urn is Admirable.

The Gallery.

Mercury; the very same Figure as the Antinous of the Belvedere, but that he has Wings upon his Feet, and a Caduceus in his Hand. 'Tis perfectly fine, and well preserv'd.

Seneca; a Head. In all I have feen of Him he is represented with an Abject Countenance, Severe, and something Savage, and his Hair not only Careless, but Slovenly, as Rich a Man, and as great a Courtier as he was.

Homer; the Famous one; of Parian Marble. The Nose has been broken off, but is very well put on. My Father has a Cast of this.

Hercules and Dejanira, She with the Lyon's Skin, He with the Distast: He affects Smiles, and Esseminacy in his Action, and Face; She looks Fierce upon him. Figures about two Foot.

Apollo of black Marble leaning upon his Lyre, with his Right-hand over his Head: this is the finest Statue in the Gallery. There are several others in the same Attitude in Rome, and as Iremember one at Florence in the Gardens Boboli of the Palace Pitti; but none so good as this. The best is the Trunk lately found in the Gardens of Macenas at Rome.

A Bacchus, fine Taste, and a Mercury in the Action of the Antinous; exceeding Good.

A Vestal's Head, thin Drapery wrapt close about, and under the Chin; a Girl of about 16, or 17; the most Innocent Air, and the most engaging of all those I have seen in Rome, Florence, or elsewhere; and which struck me so much that it detain'd me from the Paintings of Caracci a considerable time. The Livia Mat-

tei, (or Faustina jun.) is Alone to be compar'd with This that I know of. That is an Intire Figure, This only a Head: The Livia is a Matron, and the Youngest Lady that ever was of 24 Years old; with an Air Majestick altogether, and Forbidding, notwithstanding the greatest Sweetness, and Good Nature; she is cloath'd enough for a Matron, but not fo much as to hide the most perfect Shape, and the Softest, Easiest turn'd Limbs in the World. Her Head is cover'd with the fame Drapery that covers her all over, and which she holds up to her Breast (which otherwise would have been too evident) with her Hand, which is feen most Gracefully through it: This Action has another good Effect by putting the Drapery which falls down before her at a greater distance from her Body, and so excuses the showing Two much of the Naked. In this Statue all is Awful: But in the young Vestal there is a strange Girlish Innocence, and touching Beauty more Familiar. They are both Portraits. The Venus of Medicis is quite of another Character (as a Statue) from this of Livia: That which charms in the Venus is a certain Symmetry, and Inexpressible Lightness, Delicacy, and Softness in the Whole, and a Contrast that touches without knowing why: Otherwife the Head is not comparable to This, and leveral Others, as well Ancient, as Modern, particularly one of Guglielmo della Porta on Guel della the Tomb of Paul III. of the Family of Far- Porta. nese in St. Peter's Church, One of the Virtues there represented. And I believe that almost all K 3

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all the particular Parts are exceeded by some one, or other of the Statues, tho' none of them have fo many Excellencies together. Thus the Venus Callipygis of Farnese exceeds by far This, and all the Statues in the World for the hinder part which is intirely Naked, but then the Head, and the Drapery is very much Inferior. Several Statues have the Hands and Legs more Beautiful, as the Hermaphrodite; but then This excels them all in the Wrifts, and jointing of the Feet, and in general in all the other Joints. And indeed there is a Venus which stands just by This which is Irreproachable in feveral of its parts; yet being something stiff in the Whole, and the Head not put on the Shoulders gracefully, nor the Neck fo well turn'd, which are the things that strike first, 'tis unregarded, being in presence of the other. I don't doubt but that the Colour of the Medicean Venus allures the Eye more than we are aware of; and the Duphne of Bernini in the Villa Borghefe will ftrike still more than it does, when it has gain'd that Colour by Time; for certainly This Statue does not yieldin the Number, or the Quality of its Beauties to any that are in Italy, Ancient, or Modern; and with this Advantage, that as it has it felf the most Lovely Air, and Shape of a Young Lady that ever was, 'tis contrafted by the most Beautiful one too of a Young Man, the Apollo, which has just overtaken her. His Air is Wild, and Fearful; his Lips a little open as panting for Breath, and after all his Pains he just touches her timorously, and drawsback his

his Arm a little, by which is feen the greatest Respect, mixt with the greatest Passion. Bernini did not think fit to follow the Proportions of the Venus as to the Shape of the Daphne, who is more Tall and Slender without that Largeness of Hips which is fo remarkable in the Venus; this indeed is something owing to the Attitudes of both; One stands, and bends a little, which makes the Hips larger, and t'other is running, which as it requires a Shape more degage does not spread the Hips as the other. But after all, tho' the Daphne has the Beauties I have mentioned, and perhaps many more, I never doubted but that I should find her in the fame Place again whenever I pleas'd, tho' the is represented as Running; Whereas I always fanfy'd the Venus would step off from her Pedestal the next moment.

Iwasled into this digressive Parallel of Statues by having faid that the Head of the young Vestal was the most engaging thing I had feen in Italy, and that nothing was comparable to itbut the Livia Mattei; and this I faid because the Modesty, and Innocence of the one, and the awful Virtue of the other is preferable to the beautiful Forms, and Proportions, the graceful Attitudes, the Delicacy, and Softness, and even the Life, or whatever other Quality that can be found in Painting, or Sculpture.

The Gallery Farnese is Sufficiently Famous Annibale. by That Name, or that of the Gallery of Caracci, 'Twas painted just at the beginning of the last Century; and Seems to have Suffer'd Little, or Nothing by Time, or Otherwise:

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tho' 'tis certain it has been Something Injur'd, of which * Bellori has given an account, as

also of its Reparation.

'Tis up one pair of Stairs, you enter into it by a Door at which stand the two Damag'd, Captive Kings before mentioned; 'Tis in Length about 65 Foot ;, and very near 204 Broad: The two Sides are divided by Pilasters into 7 Spaces; three Larger, of above 6 Foot in width, and four Lesser, of something above five. These Pilasters sustain the Cornish over which is a Frize fomething above 10 Foot in depth. The Windows are on one fide of the Room, That opposite to the Door I spoke of These are between the Pilasters, and under the Cornish, and Frize; and being large Glass the Gallery is very Lightfom, and Pleafant in it felf. But'tis not near fo Large as that of Hampton-Court, which is about 130 Footby 25, the Height agrees better with its Length than its Width.

On the side opposite to the Windows between the Pilasters are Niches wherein are Antique Statues, over Some of which are two small Pictures one above another with their Frames (Painted) and Ornaments up to the Cornish: Over others are Marble Heads, with Boys, Festons, or the like Embellishments painted: and these Pictures, and Heads, &c. are put, the Pictures in the narrowest Spaces, the others in the widest. Only over the Door which is in the middle is a pretty large Picture instead of those

^{*} In his Book of the Pictures of Rafaele, p. 81.

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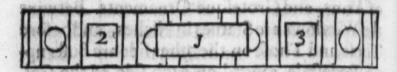
Boys, Festons, &c. 'tis the Virgin embracing the Unicorn, the Devise of the House of Farness; One of those Heads I spoke of is over this Picture. There is a little Distance between the outermost Pilaster, and the Corners of the Room which is fill'd with a little appearance of another Pilaster, and Fortitude, and Moderation on This side, and Justice, and Charity on the Other, painted in Ovals together with Coats of Arms, and Grotesque Ornaments. Betwixt the Windows are Statues in Niches, and before These, and Those on the other side are Busts upon Pedestals ranged on each side of the Gallery; Some of which (as the most remarkable) have been already noted.

In the Cieling are three Pictures, One above 23 Foot long, and half as much in height, a Bacchus, and Ariadne, with Silenus, Satyrs, Fawns, &c. This is betwixt two Octangular Pictures. In One Paris receives the golden Apple from Mercury; and Pangives the Wool to Diana in the other; They are above 11 Foot; high, and fomething more than 6 Foot; wide. These (as the Pictures in general) have Frames, and Ornaments painted, and enrich'd,

and heightned with Gold.

The Frize on both Sides of the Gallery is divided by Pilasters Painted, just over the Real ones already mentioned; consequently Here also are three Larger, and four Lesser Spaces: In the First are Pictures in their Proper Colours; in the Other are Medallions of a Greenish Tinct; only to make the General Form of these more Beautiful the Large Picture in the middle

brought beyond the Pilaster on each Side, and over Part of the neighbouring Medallions. This will be better comprehended by feeing the Plan of these, in which I have not given my self the trouble of an Exact Scale as not being necessary, however 'tis thereabouts.



In the Side opposite to the Window the Pictures, and Medallions are ' Galatea with Tritons, Nymphs, and Loves; 'Jupiter, and Juno between the Medallions of Apollo fleaing Marsyas, and Boreas carrying off Orythia; and 'Diana, and Endymion between those of Eurydice carry'd back to Hell, and Europa on the Bull. On the other Side of the Gallery the larger Picture is Aurora, and Cephalus in a Chariot drawn by two Horses, Old Titan is afleep, and Cupid with a Basket of Rofes flies in the Air: This is betwixt the two of Venus and Anchifes; and Hercules, and Iole; which two Pictures have on each fide of them their Medallions; Cupid tying a Satyr, and Salmacis embracing Hermaphroditus is with the First; the Other has Syrinx turn'd into Reeds by Pan, and Leander swiming conducted by Cupid to Hero.

These Pictures, and Medallions have very magnificent Accompagnements: On the paint-

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ed Pilasters are placed Terms that seem to support the Cieling; These are in Stone Colour; Over each Medallion is a Boy that comes near half way down, then begins Sitting Figures of young Men which seem to support them, and These, and the Boys make something of a Circular Figure to humour that of the Medallions, and are in Proper Colours; besides these, Standing Figures of young Men, their Heads only wrapt in, or cover'd with Drapery rest on that Side of the Lesser Pictures which is next the Great one in the middle; These (as the Terms) are in Stone Colours. All this is enrich'd with Frames to the Pictures, Festons, Masks, &c.

At each End of the Gallery are three Pictures of different Forms, one over another: the bottom of that in the midst ranges with the Cornish over the Windows, as consequently the Picture does with the Frize on the Sides of the Gallery, and accordingly it unites with this Frize by parts of Medallions appearing on each Side with Terms, Boys, and naked Figures as There; which Terms, Thefe adjoining to this Picture, and Those contiguous of the Frize, meet, and have their Arms interlac'd. But as This Picture at each End of the Gallery is higher than the top of the Frize, and that there is Another, Above, something more than three Foot high, and not fo wide as the Picture over which 'tis plac'd; two Satyrs fit at the topCorners of the Frame of This Picture which fill up the Space left there by that Leffer one, and these Saryrs, and Lesser Picture, and the upper

upper part of the larger Picture is carry'd upa. bove the top of the Frize being painted upon the turning of the Arch of the Vault; (for the Cieling is Such; 'tis flat but rais'd from the Side and End Walls Arch-wife) And fo much of these Pictures as is so rais'dis inclos'd in a Cornish painted; and so contriv'd in Perspective as if one faw beyond into fome farther Building. The lowest of these three End-Pictures with its Frame fills the width of the Gallery, andis fupported by three Slaves, one at each End, and one in the Middle; they are Naked, Sitting, and painted as of Greenish Bronze. The Subject of these two undermost Pictures is Perfeus, and Andromeda the One, and the Other the Combate of Perseus, and Phineas; One of the middle Pictures is Polyphemus, and Galatea, Heplaying upon the Fistula; The other is the same Polyphemus with the piece of the Rock which he is about to hurl at Acis; the little Picture over This is the Rape of Ganymede, and the little one over the Other is Hyacinth, and Apollo.

At every Corner of the Room are two Boys painted in Natural Colours, and standing upon a fort of Ballustrade near the Bottom of the Frizes; they are so plac'd as that one is painted on the Side of the Room; the other on the End Wall; These explain the Thought of the whole Work. At one of these Corners two Boys are Wrestling; that is, Divine Love contending for Victory with Voluptuousness; Reason with Passion; a Crown of Laurel radiated just over them shews the

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Reward of prevailing Virtue. At another, Divine Love endeavours to force the Torch from its Adversary to extinguish it. At the third, Concupifcence takes away the Palm from DivineLove. Lastly the two Boys join Hands, and are about to kifs each other, to shew, the two kinds of Love may be confiftent. And by These Thus explain'd is seen why the several Stories, and Allegories here painted were chofen. The Bacchanale in the Cieling, the Largeft, and most conspicuous Picture tells us that Intemperance is a Fundamental, and Prolific Vice. Throughout Concupifcence generally prevails, and over all Ranks and Degrees; but Virtue Rarely. It would be too Tedious to be Particular in these Explanations; Those that are dispos'd to amuse themselves in This way may do it at their leifure, and as their own Judgment, or Fancy directs them; the whole Gallery is printed; and Bellori has in the Life of Annibale given a very Large Account of it.

The Painting is Fresco, and I believe the most Perfect in the World. In Rafaelle's time they were not so Expert in That Way as since, the Cupola of St. Andrea della Valle by Lanfranco is indeed a Masterpiece for so vast a Distance; but This has all the Advantages, and Beauties of Fresco, and Oyl-Painting united.

And in truth Such a Character belongs to Annibale himself, in whom is found the scatter'd Excellencies of many other Masters; He has form'd out of All these a Style of Painting, both as to the Thought, and Execution truly Excellent, and which is to be seen in this Gal-

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lery more than any where, it being the Principal Work of this great Man. So that a Copious, and Rich, a Solid, and Judicious way of Think. ing, Strong, and Just Expressions, a Colouring between the Gravity of Rafaelle, and the Gaiety of Guido, and inclining to that of Cor. reggio, whom he had much fludy'd; the noble Attitudes, and Contours of the Antique, and the Roman Schools formewhat reduc'd towards Common Nature, but very Great, and Open; aWay of Dreffing his Figures something farther remov'd from the Antique than Rafaelle's, and more approaching to what we find in Carlo Maratt, and other Later Masters; but Excellent. In a Word all that - I had almost faidall that can be Wish'd for in Painting is here to be found.

But I will venture to fay 'tis hard to conceive that more can possibly be seen Together; Tho' Separately one may find in One more Dignity, in Another more Beauty, Stronger Expression, &c. yet not Much more neither, the Subject

being consider'd.

The feveral Pictures in this Work are Fabulous, Allegorical, Poetical Stories, exceedingly Gay, and Agreeable; but under which are deliver'd to us Moral, and Theological Truths, and Instructions. Suitable to This manner of Writing is the Painting, the Truths themselves are Plain, but made Palatable, and Delightful by agreat deal of Ornament; the Painter supposes the Fables he has set before us, and their Moral Significations to be well Known, These are His naked Truths; and he has embellish'd them with

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with Variety of Rich, Noble, and Finely imagin'd Accompagnements. The Gaiety and Pleafingness of the Stories admit of This, which would undoubtedly have been Too much but in this Poetical way of treating the Subiect. Had Annibale been to have painted inflead of These the Stories of the Cartons (for example) his Pictures must have been Large, and not embarassed with a great many Academy Figures (tho' in Stone-Colours) Masks, Satyrs, and Grotesques; but in the present Case he certainly judg'd Well, and has treated his Subject in a Style it ought to be treated. This Gallery was intended as a Gallery of Magnificence, and Pleafure, and withal to have fomething to Better the Mind. It was to be a Poem, not a Sermon.

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Most of this Work is painted by Annibale himself; Some is however done by his Elder Brother Agostino, as where Pan gives the Wool to Diana, 'tis in the Cieling; and the Impress of Farnese over the Door is by Dominichino, and easily distinguished, for the 'tis Beautiful,' tis Feeble compar'd with the rest; and probably These, and perhaps some Others have assisted in other parts, especially in the Ornaments. Lodovico was there a few Days; no doubt he was not a Mere Looker on.

'Tis said Annibale drew every Figure by the Life, and that all these Drawings were together in One Collection; Indeed I don't remember I have seen any of them besides a small Head, and an Admirable Figure (very near as much as is seen of it in the Picture) 'tis in the Bacchanale

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on the Cieling. My Father has this Drawing. Here Annibale employ'd the best eight Years of his Life. This Work he had Reason to believe would have set him above Necessity, even above the Power of Fortune. But it was his Ruin. The Story is well known, the

Repetition of it is Hateful.

Before I leave this Gallery I am oblig'd to acknowledge that as I knew well that there were Prints of the whole; and that 'twas describ'd by Bellori, as has been said, I did not take Notes of the Particulars I have here given, relying upon those Accounts which I believe are just: I did not observe when I was there, nor have recollected since that they were otherwise.

Next Room.

Venus Callipygis. All the naked part of this Venus is at least as fine as that of Medicis, and the Drapery that she draws up before her is very good, but that part which hangs down is in streight Lines, and without Invention; the Head is Modern, and good for nothing. I had seen a Cast of this Figure before, together with those of many others of the sinest Antiques in the French Academy; Ithen consider'd it well, and compar'd it with These, but thought none of them Equal to it. I was of the same Opinion when I saw it again amongst the other fine Casts at Dusseldorp. My Father has an admirable Drawing of Parmeggiano of a Venus and Cupid; the Venus is taken from This, with Improvements upon what is not Well here.

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I was shewn a Head as That of him that built Constantinople, This is sufficiently Abfurd; but 'tis usual enough to meet with such Silly Accounts of things from those that have the shewing them, whoever it is that furnish them with fuch, or however they Miltake, or Confound things. This is a Head of Dante; Ihave feen Several, tho' in different Attitudes, as in the Dome of Florence, at the Elector Palatines, my Father's Drawing, &c. when I came to Rome I was confirm'd in this Opinion, which is the same I had of it at first Sight; the Virtuosi there knew the Head, and that it was as I judg'd. 'Twas not done however in Dante's time, the Work is more Modern, and Better; 'tis Excellent.

Venus crouching, and Cupid playing with her; very fine! Large again as the Life: Air of a Head very good. The store store broth

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A Fine Head of Salust the Historian: at Duffeldorp the Cast of it has That Name upon it. My Father has also a Cast of it.

A Room painted by Taddeo Zuccaro.

Tad. Zuccaro.

Tis the History of the Actions of Alex. Farnese, but not in any degree comparable to the Caprarolo, and some other of his Works. My father has a Drawing of a small part of it.

Here is a fine dead Christ of Annibale gone Ann. Caracci. Black, and almost spoil'd with the Dampness.

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A Groupe of Coloffal Figures. Alex. Far- Simon Manese chelli. 27000

nese crown'd by Victory, and the Low Countries under his Feet: not very good.

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Two Figures lying of Plenty, and Charity; very Good. The Pedestals are Wood, and painted in Chiaro Scuro, Apollo, and Diana litting at one end, and a Matron coming to them; Old Men worshipping a small Statue, As I remember 'tis the same with that fine Frize of Polidore, Grav'd by Goltzius, &c.

Apollo, the fame, or nearly with that fine one in the Garden of Medicis; Legs across: He is here playing on a Lyre. 'Tis Excellent,

but not Equal to That.

Under a Shed below.

Dirce, Amphion, and Zethus, upon a valte Rock, with the Bull, and other Animals. The Figures are very fine, especially the Dirce, in Broad parts more remarkably than any other Statues. 'Tis in a Great Taste, but extremely Hard, and without any Delicacy at all. The Animals are but Indifferent, and the Rope very poor. This is commonly call'd the Toro.

That Rope, and which is ty'd to the Bull's
Horns is a confiderable length, and detach'd
from the other parts of the Marble, but has fo
escap'd the common Injuries of Time, and Accidents, that it is Intire, and Unrepair'd; 'tis
therefore call'd one of the Miracles of Rome.

This is esteem'd the Greatest Groupe of Antique Statues cut out of One Stone of which we have any account (for the Niobe is several detach'd Figures placed, and to be Chang'd at Pleasure) 'tis of sine White Marble, something

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My3 Am above thirteen Foot high; and the Rock, which is the Ground of it, is about ten Foot two Inches in length, and breadth in the Utmost Extremities, for 'tis not of a Regular Form. I did not measure it my self, but believe this

Account is right. 'Tis the Work of Apollo-The groupe of Diramins and Tauriscus, Rhodians, judy'd to be is not that spoken of brought to Rome in the time of Augustus, and by Pliny, a said to to be the same which stood before the House be executed by of * Asinius Pollio. 'Twas found in the Grecian artists, but Thermes of Antoninus in the time of Paul III. is evidently of Roman (since Raffaele) and by him brought to the work, a not of the Palace Farnese; but being broken in many sint rate small Pieces, the Cardinal of that Name caus'd Ficaroni Ms. them to be put together, which was done without the addition of any other, the whole you little Guit. Work being found. Mich. Angelo advis'd it della Porta, the should be repair'd, and serve for a Fountain as he thought it had done anciently. See Vasarifust of M. lingelos who mistook however the Subject of this disciples, understook Groupe. Perrier, and Others have Grav'd it grace & the antique.

The Story as Hyginus tells it, Chap. 7. is you may see in that this; "Antiope Daughter of Nycteus was Ramarkle groupe, called "vish'dby Epaphus, and thereupon put awaythe Farnese ball;

A famous Historian and Orator in the Reign of Augustus; he was Consul with Cn. Domitius Calvinus, An. Albe Win Kelman
U.G. 713. according to Sigonius from the Sigilian Fasti, and
had Triumph'd. I say thus much of him, because he ap-on Grace.

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pears by many Passages of Pliny to have been the greatest Virtuoso of his time: One of which Passages is where he speaks of this Groupe, Lib. 36. cap. 5.

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Pollio Afinius ut fuit aeris vohomentia, sic quoque spectari movumenta sua voluit. In iis sunt Centauri, &c. Lesus & Amphion, & Dirce, & Taurus, vinculumque ex codem lapide, Rhodo advecta opera Apollonii & Taurisci.

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" by Lycus her Husband. Afterwards Jupi-" ter lay with her. Dirce, whom Lycus had " married since the putting away of Antiope,

" perceiving she was with Child, believ'd Ly.

" cus had private Commerce with her, and order'd her to be Bound, and shut up in

" fome Dark place. When the time of her

"Delivery drew near Jupiter freed her, and
"The fled to Mount Cytheron: but on the

" way was brought to bed of Zethus, and

"Amphion, who were taken care of by Shep-

" herds. These being grown up, and inform'd of the Story of their Mother, to Revenge

" her, ty'd Dirce to the Horns of a Wild Bull,

" who thus perish'd Miserably.

How the Story is told by the Sculptor may be seen in General by the Prints, and so far of the Expression as appears in the Attitudes of the Figures; but the Airs of the Heads of the Principal Persons are Exquisite; there is a Noble Rage, and Vengeance in those of the two Brothers; and the Fear, and Sorrow of Antiope is very Strong, and Touching.

Augustus Casar on Horseback, the same Action as the Marcus Aurelius, and rather a finer Figure. In his Left hand instead of the Bridle he holds Apples; his Clamyd is buttoned, as that of Marcus Aurelius, and very sinely Invented the Folds. He is here a Young

Man, and not Half Life. Marble.

Antinous, a most Beautiful Bust, twice as big as the Life. There is another much like it at the Palace Giustiniani at the Head of the Stairs.

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There are as many of Antinous, (Statues, and Busts) as of the Venus of Medicis; and all have precisely the same Likeness, the Hair dispos'd in the same manner, it always covers the Forehead almost as low as the Eye-brows. Probably the Nobility of Rome made their Court to Trajan by having an Antinous, which occasion'd this great Number. They have all a Melancholy Air; and 'tis in This, and a certain Exact, and not an Historical Nature (besides the Insignia peculiar to these Deities) that they differ from the Mercuries, and Apolloes; for These have the same Proportions.

Two Noble Tor foes, One about the Size of the Hercules, the Other a good deal larger. They are of the most perfect Greek Taste, and well preferv'd. And are of Apollo, Mercury, or Antinous; at least they are of that

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Several fine little Heads of Lares are on Shelves all round this Room,

mood and Cabinet. Balomonia Borne

In a Round in the midst of the Ceiling is Annibale. Hercules Deliberating which Way to chuse, that of Virtue, or of Vice, who are both foliciting him: In Ovals at each end of the Ceiling is Hercules, Sustaining the Globe, and at Rest. Over the Door is Circe giving the Cup to Ulysses, (my Father has the Drawing;) and opposite to it He is ty'd to the Mast of the Ship. On the fide of the Room over against the Window are the two Brothers carrying their

their Parents from an Irruption of Mount Atna; and Perfeus and Medufa. All thefe, except the Round in the Ceiling, are in Fresco, That is in Oil on a Cloth fix'd there. two Figures in the Ovals are about four Foot high, the rest not quite three; for not only the Room is small, but none of the Pictures come lower than that over the Door, and Under them are hung other Pictures of no Confequence. Nor are those of Annibale very pleasing, the Colouring being Blackish, and the Room something Dark; tho'the Thoughts are Fine as may be feen by the Prints, and the Description of Bellori. Besides the Pictures there are painted small Figures, and other Ornaments, Stucoo-work, &c.

Another Room.

Meleager in Red Ægyptian Stone; Small; Very fine, but that the Right-arm which is on the Hip is Lame, and the Head not Easy.

Caracalla, the famous one, of Parian Marble; End of the Nose broke of, but well restored: Antique. This Head has been Copy'd very often by the Ancients, and there is no Caracalla in any other Air, or Turn than This: tho neither are they so exactly alike as if they were Casts, and from the same Mould. My Father has a Cast of this.

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A Brais Camillus, the same exactly with that exquisite one in the Capitol, only that This is not a Cast from That, Both being wrought with the Hammer; but

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it must be a Copy from it. 'Twas found in

the Garden Farnese.

Here is a Suite of Emperors; Busts, Antique; and all done (as is said here) in their Own Times, and going very low, but sew Good; the Caracalla above-mention'd (which is one of these) pleas'd me most. This Suite however is not Complete; as none that I have seen in Rome, or elsewhere is, I mean of Antiques, Galba is wanting.

The Garden.

From this Garden one sees the Arch of Janus, the Temple of Concord, the Rostra, the Temple of Romulus, the Forum Boarium, &c. These Gardens are upon the Ruins of the Palace of Augustus, and amongst the rest those

of his Library. Here is

The Statue of Poppea the Wife of Nero that he kill'd with a Kick. She fits Melancholy, leaning backward in her Chair, her Hands at length upon her Lap, holding one of her Thumbs in t'other Hand, and her Legs a fittle put out forward; an exquisite Melancholy Air of the Head, 'Tis one of the finest in all respects of any Statue in Rome, particularly for the Expression, which cannot be Excell'd.

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Cleopatra the Mother of Ptolemy Randing;

a perfectly Gentile Figure.

A Portrait of a Lady about forty Years Old, a Statue; the Figure the same as the Venus of Medicis.

A Monastry of the Carthusians, as fine as al-

Here is a Collection of Medallions, and Modern Pictures, the Best of this Kind I have seen. They have also several fine Drawings of Carlo Marat.

Amongst the Medallions they have a most Noble one of Septimius Severus, on the Reverse Mars. The Inscription is SEPT. SEV. PERTINAX. Rev. DIVI. M. PII. F.P.M. TR. P. III. COS. H. PP. It is Unique, and was never Printed. My Father has the Mars, a Drawing by Parmeggiano, only he has not

given him the Helmet

A Head in Bronze of Ptolemy, whom Caligula put to Death because he came into the Amphitheatre in a Magnificent Drefs, and drew the Eyes of the People off Himself. He is a Beautiful Youth, and 'tis of a fine Tafte: a Diadem is on his Head, with Holes wherein Jewels, or Gold, or fomething of this kind were probably put; the Eyes are Silver, with two Jacynths for the Balls, and the Lips are two little Plates of Gold. How could those Masters that give such Airs add such Absurdities! Yet These, especially as to the Eyes were not very Unusual with the Ancients, and even not in the Worst Ages neither. And that all might be of a piece, these Fathers have hung a Necklace to This with Jewels, and a Gold Medal of the same Ptolemy hanging to it.

Upon this occasion I will observe that 'tis not very Uncommon to see Statues some parts
Brass,

Brass, as the Head, Hands and Feet, the rest Marble: Jewels have been hung in the Ears of Statues, this is said of the Venus of Medicis, and of another Venus so dress'd by Alexander Severus. The Colour of the Marble has been consider'd the better to Express the Minds of those to be represented, and Iron has been mix'd with Brass for the same end. See the Notes of Massei upon the Venus of Medicis, and his Presace to Rossis Book of Statues.

Palazzo Giustiniani.

This is one of the Largest Palaces in Rome, and has the Greatest number of Antiques; with a vast many Pictures; but neither One nor the Other the best Chosen, Generally speaking: the Antiques are mostly of the Bas-Empire. But what are not Excellent for the Work, (and which is all the Excellency a Painter as Such has to consider) may be greatly esteem'd by an Antiquary, and very Justly. There are two large Volumes in Folio of the Statues, Busts, and Bas-Reliefs of this Palace, and which being Scarce, and of things very Valuable upon One account, or the Other, bear a great Price. Those Antiques, and Pictures which Touch'd me most, I noted down.

In the Court.

A Fine Bas-Relief; an Unknown History. People engag'd in the Worship of the God Terminus, and surpriz'd by Murtherers, 'tis in the Admiranda N°. 52. Polydore has copy'd this,

this, but either it had been well preserv'd till his time, or he must have Suppos'd the Faces, and some other parts; for not one of the Faces are now entire, and 'ris Throughout much injur'd. My Father has this Drawing.

Above in the Rooms.

Apollo with the Skin of Marfyas, and his

Mark. A very fine Figure, Antique.

Luca Salterelli. A Picture of the Martyrdom of St. Peter by Luca Salterelli Genouese, A°. 1637. Great Manner, and well Colour'd.

Correggio, or Parmezgiano. Head of a Young Woman, Old Man, and Boy, I suppose 'twas for a Madonna. The Young Woman's Hand is like Parmeggiano, and very fine. 'Tis in Fresco upon a piece of a Wall.

Upon a Table in another Room.

Mich. Angelo.

Dead Christ in the Arms of Nicodemus, or St. Joseph of Arimathaa; most Admirable. 'Tis in Marble, small.

Gallery.

Jupiter, a fine Colossal Head: Best Greek Taste.

Silenus with the Bag of Wine. My Father has a Drawing of this in two Views of Ginlio Romano.

Caprone lying down, and as large as the Life, one of the finest for the Style I ever law; and one of the most Famous things in Rome.

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His own Son; a Statue. Very fine. Bernini.

O scarce a Youth, yet scarce a tender Boy.

A Faun's Head; of the Best I have seen. Meleager; the Best Statue in the Gallery.

Minerva; a Standing Figure, with a Helmet, and other Insignia, larger than the Life. 'Tis counted the Capital Figure in the Gallery; and cost 60000 Crowns, of which the Head cost 7000, which was found after the reft. 'Tis not very fine, and has no Sweep.

Another Room.

Several Madonnas of Raffaele, (in his first Raffaele. Manner) and Pietro Perugino. Some of those P. Perugino. of Raffaele most excellently Colour'd, Strong, and Clear.

Another Room.

Hercules; Bronze, finall, Found in the Thermes of Agrippina. Very fine.

Mercury; Bronze alfo, and fame Size. Ad- Fiamingo. mirable.

Julius II. for which the Drawing the Duke Raffaele. of Devonsbire has, was made.

In the Hall for the Servants.

The two best Statues in all the Palace of * A-

^{*} I faw this Palace at my first coming to Rome, before I knew to well as fince to diftinguish an Antinoise from an spolls; and I have forgo: which thole were, but finding them in my Momer and miss taken upon the place at the best in the Palace, was unwilling to omit them,

pollo, of Antinous; leaning, with their Legs across.

Top of the Stairs coming into the Hall.

The fine Alto Relievo of Amalthea feeding Jupiter. Admiranda No. 26. Figures almost as big as the Life.

Palazzo Picchini.

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Here is the Meleager, one of the seven principal Antique Statues; the others are the Venus, the Apollo, Hercules, Gladiator, Lacocoon, and Antinous.

No other Statue, or Picture in all this Palace, except an Antique broken Statue or two, of no Confequence.

Pal. Barberino del Principe di Palestrina.

On the Prince's side.

Andr. Sacchi.
Dominich.

A Sketch, finish'd, for the St. Romualdo.

Another like Sketch, and as fine as the Picture, the St. Jerome.

Another Room.

Titian.

ALady's Head, and Hands. The Hands Ill drawn, but the Head is perfectly fine: a Beautiful Air, Broad Manner, and the Colouring Bright, and Transparent.

Giulio Rom.

Raffaele's Mistress; a Copy from one (Below) of Raffaele's own doing: Ill Colour'd, and Hard. It was the Queen of Sweden's.

Dante's Picture, same Size as the Drawing my Father has, and the same Resemblance; 'tis a Profile too, and has such a Cap; but with with the Bays, and the Face is turn'd the other way, Finely Drawn, and Colour'd.

In another Room are

Several Drawings in Frames and Glaffes of the Cupola of Correggio. All Copies. Several other Drawings, but Copies too, or Inconfiderable.

Below.

Raffaele's Mistress; the Original. This is Raffaele. much more Soft, and better Colour'd than that of Giulio; but at the best she is Disagreeable enough: Of a Dark, Sullen, Brown Complexion; Eyes, and Hair very Black, and like a Blackmoor; Nor are her Features at all Elegant; which I venture to fay notwithstanding the Truly Italian Description the Author of the Ades Barbarina gives of it. Primus occurrit nobis Raphaël, inspiciendamque offert nobilissimam tabulam in qua dimidiatam pulcherrima famina figuram depinxit, liniamentis atque coloribus tam artificiose animatam, ut profectò dixerit è tabula prosilire, non modò viventem sed blande exanimantem incaute eam intuentes, cui plane nec Campaspen illam, &c. p. 153. But the Business of this Author is not to Describe Things, but to make a Declamation upon 'em, which he does generally very Injudicioufly, giving vast Encomiums to Trifles, and omitting others of Real Value, of which this Palace is full. In This He is the same as most of the other Italian Writers on These Subjects; besides many of his Remarks are Affected, and Childish. There

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Guido.

There are in the Apartments of this Palace fome fingle Boys of Guido Reni in Guazzo under Glasses, as there are in the other Palaces; they are of a very beautiful Tinct, but very Warm, whereas most of them we see Here of him in Oil are rather inclin'd to Cold.

P. da Cortona.

In this Palace is the finest Composition that ever P. da Cortona made; and I believe the most Copious, and Rich that ever was made; the Colouring is exceeding Bright, and Beautiful; and tho' there is such a vast Number of Figures, the Ceiling being very Large, they are not Crowded: It is call'd the Triumph of Glory; and the Whole is a Magnisicent Complement to the Barbarini House. The Description of it with Prints is in the Book abovemention'd.

An. Sacchi.

There is besides a Ceiling in Fresco of An. Sacchi, the Divine Wisdom, one of the most Engaging Pictures I ever saw: The Colouring is like the others of this Author, more Languid than that of Cortona, but extremely Delicate, and Pleasing. There is a Print of it by Natalis, and 'tis describ'd in the Book.

Titian.

The Venus, the same the King has, with Servants at a Coffer. This is counted one of the Capital Pictures in this Palace: my Father has the Drawing.

Another Room.

Giulio.

St. Andrea Corsino praying; three Angels, two hold the Crozier, tother the Mitre. A very Light, Airy Picture, and Colour'd marvellously, especially the Angels.

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An Old Woman fitting on the Ground with Raffaele, or her Knees up to her Mouth, and her Arms Mich. Angel wrap'd round 'em; she has a Distass between her Knees, which makes me think 'tis one of the Destinies. 'Tis in Fresco, cut out of a Wall, and split in several places; otherwise well preserv'd; much like Michael Angelo, but I think more like Raffaele. Nothing can be beyond it.

Just by it hangs another Fresco, of the same Correggio.

Size, and Round, as this, cover'd with a Glass.

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Another Room.

Death-bed of Germanicus; fame Size as Pouffin. the Copy my Father has by Ginseppe Passari. The Colours are gone very Black, fo that the Arm of the Agrippina is almost united with its Ground, by which one may judge of the rest, which is Generally chang'd in Proportion. Nor is the Picture without those Faults which appear in the feveral Copies I have feen, and in the Print, and which therefore I doubted not but that I should find, viz. the want not only of a Beautiful, but even of a true Humane Shape, under the large Red Drapery in one of the Figures next the Eye, towards the Middle of the Picture; and the ill Anatomy in the Hams of the Soldier at the End on the Left side. 'Tis nevertheless a very Celebrated Picture.

The Story, as Tacitus tells it, is in short thus:
Nero Claudius Drusus Germanicus the
Adopted Son of Tiberius, and married to Agrippina the Grand-daughter of Augustus be-

ing Sick, and believing it occasion'd by Poifon, spoke thus to his Friends which were about his Bed: "Tho' I were to die a Natural " Death, I should have cause to complain of " the Gods for fnatching me from my Father, " my Children, and my Countrey, in the " Flower of my Age. But now that I die by " the Treachery of Pijo, and Plancilla, I " leave you the Depositaries of my Last Will: " Acquaint my Father, and my Brother with " all their Cruelty, and Perfidy towards me, " and that I end my Days by a Death most " Detestable. Not only those that built their " future Hopes on my Fortune, or which are " Ally'd to me in Blood; not These only, " but even they who have Envy'd my Glory " fhall Pity me, who after having Escap'd so " many Dangers in War, Fall by the Hands of " a Woman! Complain to the Senate, im-" plore the Assistance of the Laws: The prin-" cipal Duty of Friendship is not Tears, and " Lamentations, but remembring those they " lov'd in their Life, and executing their De-" fires: Leave then Tears to Strangers; but " You, if you have lov'd Me, and not my For-" tune only, Revenge my Death. Shew to " the Roman People the Grand-child of An-" guffus, and our Six Children; Their Prejudice " Thall be in favour of the Accusers; and if " the Accus'd pretend the Sccret Orders of " their Sovereign, they shall neither be Be-" liev'd, nor go Unpunish'd." His Friends grasping his Hand, swore they would rather stol sina the Grand-daughter of Angustus be-

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lole their Lives than not pull down Vengeance on his Murtherers.

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Germanicus then turning to his Wife, conjur'd her by the Remembrance of their Marriage, and the Interest of their Children, to subdue her Haughty Temper, and patiently Submit her self to the present Rigour of her Fortune; particularly not to irritate by vain Emulation Those who now would be greatly Superior to Her in Power. After which he Whisper'd something in her Ear, judg'd to be a Caution to suspect the Sincerity of Tiberius, and then Died.

Poussin has chosen the Instant in which Germanicus intreats his Friends to excite the People to Compassion, and Revenge by the Sight of Agrippina and the Children; and the Sentiments of those to whom he directs his Speech are finely Express'd; so is the Grief of his Wife, 'tis Exquisitely fine, tho' 'tis only in her Attitude, for she covers her Face. A Noble, Silent, Compos'd Sorrow. There are but three Children, they add to the Expression, and Enrich, and Diversify the Picture.

But after all here is an Instance amongst a thousand others of the Necessity of Knowing the Story; and then the Painter may carry the Imagination beyond what the Historian can, Otherwise he will come Short, or be Unintelligible. For as Germanicus is pointing towards Agrippina, and the Little ones, and with an Air tather of Sorrow than of Indignation, one that remembers not the Story exactly, will tertainly imagine him desiring his Friends to

take care of them after his Death; which befides its being so subject to be Mistaken, is a Low, Common Thought, and Debases the Picture. Had Pouffingiven Another Air to Germanicus, and as he was Meditating Revenge upon his Murtherers, strongly Express'd That Paffion, and Indignation, it would have Avoided the Low Thought I mention'd, and might have Awaken'd Something in the Mind of him that confider'd the Picture that was perhaps Better; but if the Story was not first known, all-would be Obscure, and want its due Force, and very probably be Wrong. Or if Another Inftant had been Chofen, That in which the Friends of Germanicus fwore to Revenge his Death; or when He Whispers Agrippina, neither would have been so Noble, or so Touching, and in One of them the Principal Person would not have been in Action; but all would be Equally Unintelligible, without a Previous Knowledge of the Story.

Not only the Time is chosen wherein Germanicus recommends his Family as Incitements to Revenge, but That Instant in which he Concludes, and Those to whom he addresses himself prepare to Reply, as appears by the Actions of Some of them, which are Such as if They were Also speaking; and This must be Suppos'd, or both He and They are Discoursing, and Replying at the Same time; and 'twill be some Indulgence if This be allow'd: 'Tis a Fault too common to show Too many speaking at Once; when that Absurdity might have been avoided, and the Picture suf-

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ficiently Animated by fuch Airs, and Attitudes only as are Proper, and Natural, upon Hearing what any One fays without any Other faying any thing.

A Venus of Medicis; very fine.

A Bacchus and Saryr; Fine. A Silenus; also very Good.

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The Boy-Angel crying, holding a Nail of Annibale. the Cross: Disagreeable enough. He looks too much like a Common Boy, too Ordinary, and Un-angelical.

Conversation of two Women; Half Figures. L. da Vincis

The Finest Taste of him that can be.

The Polyphemus, and Galatea, as in the Annibale. Gallery Farne fe. This also in Fresco; 'tis very Neat, and highly Finish'd; about a Foot, or a Foot and an half square; a Glass over it.

Part of the Pavement of the Temple of Fon- Antique. tune at Praneste, the Largest ever built by the Ancients; in Mofaic. The History is that of Europa; and Figures on the Shore flying, as in a Fright; Carelesly Executed; but the De-

fign Gentile, and Excellent.

The famous Magdalen of Guido; the Fi- Guido. nest in Rome. His Gay Manner, but very Strong withal, and Admirably well Colour'd. The large Drapery a pale Lake; the Figure much bigger than the Life; Beautiful throughout; nothing Dark; the Shadows Transparent, and full of Reflexions; Plain Sky, and Back Ground. There are two little Boy-Angels; kept down, but finely Colour'd.

In another Room.

The Twelve Apostles standing: my Father has the Drawing of one or two of them.

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Antiques.

Sabina, an Antique Statue, without Arms: three times as big as the Life. The Drapery as fine as the Flora, as is the Head; indeed 'tis Excellent throughout.

A most Beautiful Venus affeep, Marble, as big as the Life, lying on fuch a fort of a Bed, and much fuch an Idea as that my Father has, a Model ascrib'd to Mich. Angelo; whoever made it, very probably took his Hint from This.

In the next Room.

Bernini.

Adonis wounded, and Expiring. He dies away finely. Ted to snemova Ton stores

Antique.

A fine Satyr lying, Marble: my Father has a large Drawing of this, highly finish'd by Rubens. Biscop has it No. 57,58.

In the next Room.

Venus, an Antique Painting, as big as the Carlo Marat. Life, found in the Gardens of Saluft. Marat has added three Cupids to it. 'Tis upon a piece of a Wall in Fresco, very Good. The Antique finely Painted, and Colour'd; and well preferv'd.

Antiques.

A Head of Antinous, as good as that of the Belvedere of our on oron

Virgil, a small Head; Antique.

Plato, a Boy, asleep, with several Bees about him; an Antique Painting. There are three (165)

three Nymphs like Correggio, and a Cupid like Guido. The Colouring throughout Correggesta; good Preservation.

Roma Triumphans, another Antique Pi-

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Four Roman Triumphs; Clair Obscure; ta-Polydore, ken out of a Wall, perfectly well preserved: Figures bigger than the Life.

Up Stairs in the little Mezzanino.

The Drawings after the Cupola of Correg- And. Sacchi. gio: My Father has a Boy of the same Kind.
These are in Frames and Glasses.

There is besides in this Palace a Picture Mich. Angelo excellent for the Expression. A young Fellow Caravaggio., is cheated of his Money by sharping Gamesters; in Them there is so much Roguery, and Crast, and in Him so much Stupidity, and Fright, that 'tis deservedly very Famous.

Palazzo del Duca di Bracciano, which was of the Prince Don Livio Odescalchi,

First Apartment below.

Cleopatra Asleep, not Dying, as in the Gardens of Medici; of Parian Marble, twice as big as the Life; Greek. A Noble Air of a Head.

An Ox, and a Cow, Antique; Admirable; made for those that Romulus mark'd out his Walls with.

Statue of Julius Casar in his Sacrificing Habit; Veil'd.

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Apollo, and the Muses; none of them considerable.

Another.

Clitias who was chang'd into a Sun-Flower looking on the Sun. She is half fitting, or

crouching: of Parian Marble.

Castor, and Pollux leaning upon one another; one of them holding a Torch downward; The same Perrier has Grav'd, and called the Decii. No. 37. Leda stands by, very small, and holds the Egg in her Hand. I think there are no Finer Statues in Rome than these two Brothers, nor Worse than the Leda; as the Venus of Medicis has a Fish by her with Boys upon it, all which is Execrable: but in one, and t'other this Bad Work is but in the Insignia only. The like is seen in other sine Works of Antiquity: So in the best Syrian, and Greek Medals, the Reverses are almost always Indifferent Work, and sometimes wretchedly Bad.

Venus of Medicis cover'd with a thin Drapery, her Bosom, and so down to below the Knee on the Right side, the Lest not quite so low. This Drapery is as Exquisite as that of the Flora, and I think the Figure yields very little to that at Florence, if 'tis not altogether as good, at least 'tis the best I have seen of all the Copies; if this may properly be call'da Copy: A fine soft Yellowish Marble, but full of Spots, which are not natural, but the effect of Time

Time, or Accident. 'Tis much larger than that of Medicis. I have seen other Venus's in this Attitude, and thus cover'd: There is One, if not More, in the Gardens of Aldobrandini.

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Three large Busts, and all Excellent; Alexander, Antinous, and Pyrrhus.

Another Room.

The Noble Faun with a Goat upon his Back.

Statue of one of the Ptolemy's Kings of Egypt.

Two Venus's, One coming out of the Bath, the Other standing in a most Beautiful Attitude: both Greek, and Excellent.

A Seneca fitting, in Little: the Countenance as fine as the Bust in the Gallery Farnese.

Bust of Queen Christina; Exquisitely Cut, Bernino. but the Air not Pleasing, and the Face not Handsome, tho' perhaps 'tis not without some Complaisance neither.

Little Gallery.

ABust of Alexander; big again as the Life; Bronze, Greek Taste.

A Round Altar with a Bacchanale; the finest Greek Style: 'tis in the Admiranda No. 44,45. very Large, and fix'd upon an Iron that turns about.

Above Stairs in the Hall.

The Amours of Jupiter in five large Car- G. Romano. tons, Colour'd; Extremely Fine, Good Harmony,

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mony, and Agreeable Tinct. These are much like those of Raffaele at Hampton-Court.

Another Room.

carlo Marat. A large Bacchanale, and is one of the Finest for Drawing, Colouring, and Harmony,

of the many Fine Pictures I have feen of Him.

The Æneas and Anchises, in a very Odd Condition; for the most part 'tis turn'd very Black, but in some places Spots of the Flesh appear Bright; so that one cannot make any

Judgment of what it has been.

Pope Sixtus IV. with four other Figures, highly Finish'd; Painted very Smooth, and with no great Body of Colours. Vast Nature,

and very fine!

Baroccio.

Titian,

Ditto.

Annibale.

Titian.

Guido.

Woman taken in Adultery; Stiff, Hard Manner, like *Bellino*, and much spoil'd; the Profile of the Woman is very good; her Hair Grift'd with the Point of the Bonsil

finish'd with the Point of the Pencil.

Venus upon a Couch playing with a Cupid; finely Colour'd, and a Beautiful Action, like

the Antique.

Mercury teaching Cupid to Read; Venus by. The same as the Correggio in this Collection, only that the Venus is different; particularly in that she has no Wings, which Correggio's Venus has. 'Tis the most Beautiful Figure I ever saw of this Master (it seems to be taken from the Antique) and one of the best Colour'd Things even of Him; so indeed is the whole Picture.

St. Bonaventure, a Cardinal in a Franciscan's Habit, with an Angel standing at his Knees; Knees; a Portrait. His Greatest Manner, and Best Colouring.

Leda, about five Foot High, and some-

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Io, almost fix Foot High, and Half as Wide, Mercury teaching Cupid to read, the same height as the Io, and about a Foot wider.

Cupid shaving his Bow.

These Pictures are in perfect Preservation. I will not enumerate the Figures in Each, they being well known to Lovers, and Connoisseurs by the Prints, and Copies (at least,) if they have not feen the things themselves. The Air of the Head of Io is finely imagin'd, and express'd, and is an Idea I never faw in Painting, very Extatick, but not in the Devotional way: My Father has a Drawing after it, done as we believe by Guido. The two Cupids in the Danae come in admirably well, and carry a fine Moral with them: they hold a Touch-stone between them; One is trying a piece of Jupiter's Gold, the Other his Arrow, supposed to be tipp'd with the same Metal.

Mercury teaching Cupid to read, is one of Correggio's pretty Imaginations.

The Bow and Arrows, and a Dove
Was once enough for Cupid thought
'Till Mercury was fent by Jove,
For Venus pray'd he might be taught.

Taught! what? To Read; but why to Read Love knows the Language of the Eye, No other Learning does he need, Nor can be cheated with a Lye.

His cunning Mother better knew, She saw what Times were coming on; His Darts must Now be tipp'd anew, For Love was Mercenary grown.

Fancy not then that Mercury
Did from Olympus Top difmount
To teach the God his A.B.C.
No, no, it was to Cast Account.

But have a care thou Silly Boy,
For 'tis a most Pernicious Art;
Learn it, it will thy Pow'r destroy,
The Tongue may Love, but not the Heart.

The Cupid shaving his Bow is not a Child, but a Tall Lad: At the Bottom of the Picture there is a Head, or two, of Boys, and All have such a Lovely pretty Wantonness in them that is Extremely Engaging.

Young God, in vain is all you do, Something is Amis'tis true; But the Fault's in Damon's Heart, Not the Bow that sent the Dart.

He heard, and with a Leer, and Smile Malicious, said, but Shav'd the while; You thought not Thus when You were Young, Now All that Cupid does is wrong. I faid these Pictures are well known by Prints and Copies; that is, they are So known as they can be by Such Helps: But their Beauty is Inconceivable. They are Bright, Mellow, Warm, Tender, indeed all that Colours can do; and perhaps more than is possible to be done without the Assistance of Time, tho' another Correggio should arise.

And whatever Beauty is in the Other parts of the Pictures the Flesh Presides, though surrounded with Light Colours, as particularly the Danae is Brighter than the Linen about her, tho' That is as Bright as Linen Can be.

All these Marvellous Pictures are Painted as Correggio's Manner is with a fufficient Body of Colours, but highly wrought up, and Finish'd, without any Touches of the Pencil left fmartly; and tho' one Tinct, and Trait melts fweetly into another, and the Features, Parts, and Out-lines, into whatever ferves them as a Ground, they are nevertheless well Determin'd, and Distinct, and without what we call Woollyness. Some of these are said to be painted on a Gold Priming; Cav. Luttiis politive of it, and affirms he has feen it plainly on the Edges under the Rabot of the Frames, and some pretend 'tis visible in other parts: I confess there is some Yellowness in several places that looks like fome fuch thing, but that 'tis what is faid I cannot be Sure; indeed I did not fee the Pictures out of the Frames.

If such a Ground has been us'd it must be to preserve the Colours, or to give them a Lustre by being seen through them, so seen as that the Shadows especially may have a certain Warmth, and Mellowness, which could not be given otherwise; and this last Effect such a Ground may undoubtedly have. I am not so certain of the Other.

Roffaele.

These Pictures are (I must own it) preferable by much to those of Raffaele that are by them, tho' One of them is (I think) the Best of him I ever faw; and 'tis the most Famous of all his fmall Eafil-Pictures in Rome: The Virgin standing, holding the Christ who stands too, as does the St. John who Kisses him; the St. Elizabeth is by. My Father has a Drawing of Raffaele of this Subject. And the Attitudes of the Figures are so much of thefe, as that 'tis not improbable 'twas made for this very Picture. The Figures here are fmall, the Virgin about two Foot in height, or rather less: Painted in the manner of that Age, Neat, and highly Finish'd: and so well Colour'd as to appear Beautiful, though in presence of several of the most Capital ones of Correggio. I think there is fuch another at Florence, or some where else, oppos'd to This as the Original.

Correggio.

Besides those already mention'd there are several others of Correggio, Two of which are Ritrattoes of Casar Borgia, generally called the Duke Valentino, (of which Machiavel has given us the fine History in a little Treatise amongst his other Works) I do protest I never was so surprized as when I came into the Room, and cast my Eyes upon One of these; my Heart struck against my Breast: It

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has fuch a Nature, and fuch a Particularity in the Set of the Lips, and Motion of the Eyes, and fuch a Spirit, that I shall never forget that very Look as long as I live. A Pale, Thin, Middle-aged Man; of a Complexion and Air Something Effeminate; and the whole Picture is Gay, and Lightsome. 'Tis a little more than 2 Foot - high, and almost as wide.

The Muletier is another, faid to be Paint- Ditto. ed as a Sign for a Cabaret, and is in the Best Style of Correggio. It hung in a Closet overagainst the Holy Family of Raffaele, just now spoken of; 2 Foot + high, 3 Foot wide.

Madonna and St. Foseph.

Noli me tangere, it has a Landskip, and is Dino. a Magnificent Picture; between 3 and 4 Foot high, fomething wider.

A Magd. between 8 and 9 Inches in height. Ditto. Raffaele is vaftly Great, and Sublime, and withal has a Grace like that of the Best of the Ancients: But no Master, that ever was, Surprizes like Correggio; and yet without an Equal Measure of Greatness, and with a Grace not Antique, nor like any other Master. I cannot conceive, or imagine how those Expressions can be given that I see before my Eyes, when I fee at the fame time perpetual Incorrectnesses; not one of his Pictures but has Instances of this. The Hands of a Cupid playing on a Lyre in the Leda, and her own Left-hand is Barbarously ill Drawn, &c. Particulars would be tedious. The high Finishing, which was much the Manner of Those Times in these Lesser Pictures, and in which

which Correggio Excell'd contributes little, if at all to the Surprize I am speaking of; Later, and Less considerable Masters have practis'd a Nobler Manner of Painting, and which (cateris paribus) would have a better Effect than This, at the Diftance a Picture is commonly intended to be feen: Nor is the Neatness of the Work very considerable, compar'd with the other Properties of a Good Picture. The Colouring has a Greater share in producing This Effect; but Correggio had a Grace, the pure Effect of Nature; not Antique, not like that of Parmeggiano, Guido, Raffaele, or any other Master, but something Alone, and which seems to be truly Angelical. The Chief Beauties of Raffaele we see often, and almost as often Out-done in the Best Antique: And all his Other Qualities are found in a higher degree than he posses'd them in the Works of Correggio, and other Masters. Besides He frequently wanted One of vaft Confequence to a Painter, and that is Harmony; whereas Correggio had That, which fet his Fine Pencil, Lovely Colouring, and Enchanting Grace in full View. 'Tisthat Grace, that Angelick Grace of his which is purely Original, and no where elfe to be feen: 'Tis This that furprizes us; and the more because all is accompany'd with Faults like those of the most Inferior Painters.

In this Palace are many other Excellent Pictures, as Twelve (Hiltories and Portraits) of Tetian, and as many Hiltories of Paolo Veronese, of their very Best Manners every one; and so preserved as if they just came from the

Pencil.

Titian. Paolo Veronese. Pencil. In Other Palaces One sees some few Capital Pictures, and the rest Mediocres; Here All are Excellent. Here I love Pictures better than Drawings, and Correggio than Raffaele; and yet I had rather be Raffaele than Correggio.

The Principal Pictures of this Palace, as those of Correggio, and the twelve of Paolo just now mention'd; In General, all those that were in the Collection of the late Queen of Sweden have been lately bought by the Regent, and brought to Paris, without the least Injury in the Carriage to any One of them. The Mercure Galant has given the Particulars, but without their Dimensions; and which I did not take. Those Here I had the Honour to receive from One whose Authority I dare venture to rely upon, were it for the Goodness of the Pictures; but I ought not to make use of his Name upon a Less Occasion.

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S. Marco de Veneziani.

The Adoration of the Magi: This Picture Carlo Marat. is very Famous: The Virgin stands, and holds the Child; one of the Magi is on his Knee before them. Painted in Oil, very little, and has the Air of one of Guido.

S. John Lateran.

In the Sacrifty is the Annunciation, in Oil, Mich. Ang. of Mich. Angelo, the most Gentile of that Master. The Virgin is standing, and a little salling back at the Sight of the Angel, only supported by a kind of Altar behind her; she lifts up both her Hands. Above her is the Dove

Dove in bright Yellow Glory shooting down upon her: the Colouring pretty Good: 'tis well preserv'd. Vasari says this Picture was Colour'd by Marcello Mantovano, though Design'd by Mich. Angelo.

Marcello Mantovano.

Mich. Angelo. In the Room within the Sacristy is the Crucifix of the same Master. There are little Angels under each Arm of the Christ; Over each of these a great Light, (as the Sun, and Moon in Eclipse) and another over his Head; the most Regular thing imaginable, and has the oddest Effect: As for the rest 'tis finely Drawn, and well Colour'd; in Oil, 3 Foot high by 1 Foot-:

Raffaele:

In a Room within the last is a Madonna, Christ, and Little St. John, a Carton; Black Chalk; Rassaele's second Manner; as big as the Life; the Virgin at Half Length.

Just by this is the Baptistery of Constantine.

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An. sacchi. Over the Pillars is painted in Oil the Actions of that Emperor by Andr. Sacchi, the best of his Work in Rome. These are to be taken down, and others not so good put in their places, because of a Dampness here which

would spoil them.

The Scala Sancta.

Crucifix, the Virgin, and St. John. My Father has the Drawing of the Virgin.

Sancta Croce in Gerufalemme.

Pinturricchia. The Mezzo Cupola of the Tribunal painted by

by Pinturricchio; the utmost Preservation, and the most Beautiful Colours. The finding of the Cross by St. Helena. She is standing, and holds up her Hands join'd together, seeing the Dead Man revive. On the other side is an Old Man, Admiring.

Marc Antonio Sabbatini,

Has a Book in 12°. with Miniatures of Don Don Jul. Clo-Giulio Clovio, at least 'tis the same Hand with vio. those of the samous Manuscript of Dante in the Vatican; but to me they seem more Modern than Don Giulio, as These also do.

He has another very fine Book of Miniatures in the Taste of Pinturricchio, of Perugino.

A Woman's Head Larger than the Life, a Model in *Terra Cotta* as fine as ever was done. Best Antique.

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In the Church call'd, In Nome de Maria.

Under the Altar a Madonna, faid to be of St. Luke. St. Luke's Painting. The Frame Silver Foliage, cover'd with Diamonds (fome very large) and other Precious Stones. The Frame shines prodigiously; the Picture is Black, and Hard, and without Taste; tho' indeed 'tis almost gone. 'Tis rarely open'd, but I saw it on the Holyday of this Church.

The Villa Mattei.

Livia Augusta, One of the finest Figures in Rome, and the most engaging. The Air of the Head excessively Good, and the Drapery N Exquisite.

Exquisite. This Statue has a vast Grace, and Dignity. She is standing, and one Hand cover'd with Drapery, but not hid; upon an Antique Capital, and That fet upon an Altar, on which are Bas-reliefs. See p. 132.

On One side of her stands a Woman, Small A Fine Air, and Admirable Drapery. On the

Other

A Small Apollo.

las alfonbeimas A very fine Capricious Silenus; a Buft. His Head funk into his Shoulders, and his Mouth open'd as if just stifled with Drink; Exquisite in its kind. I burft out Laughing as foon as

my Eyes touch'd upon it. and one a

Cicero; my Father has a Cast of it. Nofe, Lips, and Chin, are all Modern; and though perhaps as Fine as the Antique was, I don't fee how the Resemblance can be depended on, nor confequently that it can just-

ly be confider'd as a Cicero.

There is an Unlucky Passage in a Letter of this Patriot, and Philosopher to his Friend Atticus, (Lib. 2. Ep. 5.) 'twas written in the time of the First Triumvirate, when according to Him None but Cato, and Himself withstood the Torrent that bore hard against the Constitution. After he had been lamenting the fad Condition of his Dear Countrey, he fays, & quoniam * Nepos proficiscitur, cuinam Auguratus deferatur: quo quidem uno Ego ab istis capi possum, vide levitatem meam. Nor was Cato Himself Unbribeable;

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Money indeed would not have bought him, nor a Title, nor a Place, nor a Mistress, nor many other Fine things which Other People value, but an Alliance did. Plutarch tells the Story in his Life: He fays, that "when Cato was " chosen Tribune, having observ'd that the " Election of Confuls was grown very Mera cenary, he sharply rebuked the People for " this Corruption, and in the Conclusion of " his Speech protested he would Accuse whom-" ever he should find giving Money; yet he " excepted Silanus by reason of his Alliance, " for he had Married Servilia, Cato's Sifter, " so that he did not prosecute Him; but Lu-" cius Murana, who was chosen Conful with " Silanus, he accused of Bribery.

Oh Liberty! Oh Virtue! Oh my Countrey! Addison's Cato.

In a Drawing of my Father's, Rubens has a Thought which should go along with Those Reslections that are apt to arise on this Occasion. An Angel is Interceding with the Blessed Virgin in behalf of a Dead Bishop holding up a Pair of Scales, One of which preponderates. The Best Men have some Weight in the Wrong Scale; as the Worst Sometimes make Excursions into Virtue.

Two fine Masks compos'd of Escollop

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Young Hercules, the Head, and Breast only; a piece of the Lyon's Skin on the Breast. A most Beautiful Air. My Father has a Cast of the Face.

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Two Statues of Antinous, the same as that of the Belvedere; the Head of One of them judg'd to be siner than That. Both these are Intire.

Plotina the Wife of Hadrian, a Colossal Statue; the Head exceeding good.

Marcus Aurelius as Pontifex Maximus.

Amicitia, a Beautiful Figure of a Woman; Naked, holding her Hand upon her Breast, which is open'd by a fort of Incision to express Sincerity; a Modern Statue, bigger than the Life; of Pietro Paolo Oliviari: 'twas a Present. Under it is written, Virginius Urstnus Cyriaco Matthæio Amicitiæ Monum: Statuere Illustrius me ipsa Amicitia non potuit M.DC. V.

Pietro Paolo Oliviari.

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Ditto.

A Venus, the same Hand, the same Size, and over-against it; Extremely Fine, Except the Drapery, which is Execrable; it slies out on each side like two Wings, and without Invention.

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An Eagle, Antique; call'd the Famous Eagle of the *Mattei*. My Father has feveral Drawings of the Head of it by Giulio Romano.

On the Outside of the House against the Wall are several Statues: One of Julius Cafar in his Consular Habit, Sacrificing: One of the finest that can be seen.

A Colossal Head of Alexander the Great, call'd the Alessandro Mattei.

Palazzo Mattei.

The Great Court is full of Bas-Reliefs round

round the Wall: Amongst the rest that of the Triumph of Love, where Cupid is on the Back of a Centaur.

The nine Muses with Apollo and Minerva.
Both perfectly well preserved; Small.
My Father has Drawings of both these by

Battista Franco.

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A Madonna, St. Francis, and St. Jerome, Pietro Perugias big as the Life: my Father has the Head of no. the Madonna, a Drawing with a Pen, which is ascrib'd to Raffaele when Young, which probably it is, and taken from This, of which my Father has other like Instances. The great Splendour of Raffaele, and some few others, has Eclips'd much of the Merit of the Old Masters. Perugino is not in this Picture Stiff, or Dry, nor in many other of his best things; but in a manner equal to Raffaele himself: So Pinturricchio has done Admirable Things. Pinturricchio. The Library in the Dome of Sienna is painted, and they fay There 'tis by Perugino, and Raffaele; but Vasari says 'tis of Pinturricchio, and I believe it.

The Adoration of the Shepherds, a most Mich. Angelo, Extravagant Design, said here to be of Mich. Or Pelegrino Angelo. 'Tis in That Taste, but gives me a distinct Idea from that I have of him. I believe it is of Pelegrino Tibaldi of Bologna, and the rather because of a Drawing my Father has of one of the Figures in this Picture, and which he always judg'd to be of Him, as it certainly is. His Taste is indeed Mich. Angelesca; so

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that Count Malvasia says Annibale Caracci call'd him il nostro Michel Angelo Risormata, but the Bolognese is manisestly distinct from the Florentine.

Fred. Barocci.

Aneas and Anchises; the same as the Print of Agost. Caracci. There is another of these in the Palace Odescalchi of the Duke de Bracciano; Figures as big as the Life. This seems to be Original; that Other is so damag'd, that no Judgment can be made of it.

In another Room.

Correggio.

St. Cecilia, famous under the Name of Correggio, more Curious than Excellent; Extremely Hard, and the Drapery exactly like that of Andrea Mantegna, but undoubtedly of him to whom it is afcrib'd: 'Twas also the Opinion of Cav. Lutti the Best Connoisseur in Rome; where there are so few that'tis surprizing, 'till one considers how few good Painters there are too, as well as in the rest of Itaby, and indeed every where elfe. This Picture is in Correggio's First Manner coming out of the School of Mantegna: 'Tis of that part of the Saint's Life when a Young Gentleman comes in to Ravish her, and looks upon her Aftonish'd, seeing Angels holding a Crown over her Head. There is a certain Gleam of Light from these Angels, which spreads it self all over the Picture in a manner that is peculiar to Correggio; besides the Airs are His.

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A Saint led to Martyrdom, of which my Father has the Drawing; the whole Picture is but about 2 Foot long, by 1 Foot: In the LontaLontanezza are several upon Crosses, and otherwife tormented; 'tis Excellent, but much Mildew'd.

Cardinal Borgia, and Machiavel, faid to be Tilian, or of Raffaele, but I think 'tis rather of Titian. Raffaele. Half Figures, Big as the Life, Standing. Machiavel looks the Cardinal stedfastly in the Face. The Drawing of Machiavel's Head by Cav. Giacinto Brandi which my Father has, and which he always judg'd to be after Titian, is the same Face, the Attitude different.

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The famous Crucifix for which (as the Sto- Mich. Angelo. ry goes) the Porter was kill'd. 'Tis the fame as that at St. John Lateran, only This has the St. John, and the Virgin, which That has not. This is Less than the other; I believe the Figures are about a Foot long, and not Good. Tis fo far from being probable, that a Man was Murther'd on purpose to make the Expressions Strong, and Just, that there is hardly any Expression at all either in the Face, or Body, but a Tame Ordinary Figure: My Father has two Old Drawings of this with a little Variation (not Original.) The Virgin, and St. John are no better than the rest; the Attitude, and Expression are Improper in the one, and Mean in the other; but painted Laboriously as the Manner of this Master, and in general of those of this time was, in Easil Pictures, especially Small ones, as This is. 'Tis pity this great Man ever meddled with Works of Devotion, where Tender and Lovely Characters enter; he had a certain Ferocity in his

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those Subjects with Success; tho' in some O. ther respects, and in what his Genius was fit-

ted for, no Man ever Equal'd him.

Titian's School-Master, (so call'd) and one Titian. of the Famousest Pictures in Rome, a Half Length, fitting in a Chair, leaning back, holding one Wrist over t'other. Exquisite! Such a Force! Such a Spirit! Such a Beauty! Every part is Fine; and 'tis well Preferv'd.

A Study in Oil Colours upon Cloth of an Old Man's Head in the Cupola: my Father has the Drawing in Black Chalk, the same Size, and exactly the same Attitude, and Air.

In the Room where the Prince sleeps after Dinner.

The Leda of Lionardo da Vinci, the fame my Lord Pembroke has; Soft, Mellow, and well Drawn.

The Venus, where there are Servants in a Room within, opening Chests; the same the King has. 'Tis very fine, and Undoubtedly Right; much esteem'd, and always kept co-My Father has the ver'd with a Curtain. Drawing; a first Thought. There are several of these Pictures. I have mention'd them elfewhere.

In the Room of Drawings.

They make a great Affair Here of these Drawings, and they fay a great Price was giyen for them. There are several ascrib'd to Giulio, and one or two to Raffaele, in Frames

Correggio.

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and Glaffes: All Evident Copies, and so judg'd

to be by the Connoi feurs here.

A Copy of the Picture, said to be of Raffa-After Raffa-ele, but who This is done By, or After, is not said Here. Venus is putting in the Quiver of Cupid, the Arrows brought her by Vulcan: there are also several other Cupids. Agost. Venet. has made a Print of this, where the Design is ascrib'd to Raffaele, and 'tis doubtless of him. My Father has a good Drawing of it, and of the Good Age; but not Right. An Ornament about this Picture in the Style of Don Giulio Clovio is begun, but not carry'd round.

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Titian and his Mistress; the same as the Titian. Print in Tenier's Gallery.

In the Garden.

A Bas-Relief of five Figures, One fits up-

on a Rock playing on a Fistula.

Two Antique Statues, extremely Fine, of the Hercules of Farnese: Less than that, but as big as the Life.

A Venus of Medicis; Antique.

Cav. del Pozzo.

Our Lord giving the Keys, full of Expression, and Action, but ill Colour'd, and Painted. The Colouring looks like Whitish Clay.

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The Landskip where the Man flies from the

Serpent.

Bacchus and Ariadne, Bacchus stands upon his Chariot, and Ariadne lies down; he looks with great Tenderness towards her.

Pouffin has taken the Dying Cleopatra, to make this Ariadne. Tis a Noble Picture, Fine-

ly Colour'd, and good Clair-Obscure.

Rachel giving the Messengers Water. Divine; My Father has the Drawing, Slight; and a more perfect one of one of the Maids.

A Fine Landskip, in it a Woman fitting, her Chin upon her Hand, her Elbow supported on her knee; a Child asleep, and another Wo-

man pointing to fomething.

Another fine Landskip, where Phocion is carry'd out to be buried, of which Groupe my Father has the Drawing. This Picture is extremely well Painted, and Colour'd, but the

Lontanezza is too Strong.

Landskips are in Imitation of Rural Nature, of which therefore there may be as many Kinds, as there are Appearances of This fort of Nature; and the Scene may be laid in Any Countrey, or Age, With Figures, or Without; but if there are Any, as 'tis necessary there should be, Generally speaking, they must be Suitable, and only Subfervient to the Landskip, to Enrich, or Animate it; Otherwise the Picture loses its Denomination, it becomes Hiflory, a Battel-piece, &c. or at least 'tis of an Equivocal kind. This fort of Painting is like Pastoral in Poetry; and of all the Landskip-Painters Claude Lorrain has the most Beauti-

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ful, and Pleasing Ideas; the most Rural, and of our own Times. Titian has a Style more Noble. So has Nicolas Pouffin, and the Landskips of the Latter are usually Antique, and is feen by the Buildings, and Figures. Ga/par's Figures are Such, otherwise he has a Mixture of Nicolas, and Claude. Salvator Rosa has generally chosen to represent a fort of Wild, and Savage Nature; his Style is Great, and Noble: Rubens is pleafant, and loves to enrich his Landskips with certain Accidents of Nature, as Winds, a Rain-bow, Lightning, &c. All these Martens are Excellent in their Several Kinds, but I think Pouffin has fometimes Err'd in the Figures he has put into his Landskips, as in two of those I have mention'd; the Man flying from the Serpent, and the Funeral of Phocion; the One an Accident, the Other a History: in Neither the Scene agrees with the Actors; for the Subjects in Bothare Grave, Dreadful, or Solemn; but the Landskips are Gay, and Riant; Thus the Mind is distracted with contrary Sentiments; One cannot have the Delight which a Beautiful Reprefentation of the Countrey naturally gives, when one fees at the Same time what awakens Other kind of Thoughts; as one is interrupted in those Serious Reslections by the Gayety, and Beauty of the Landskip. Besides the Figures are too confiderable for Landskips, as the Landskips are if the Pictures are to be confider'd as Historical. Let the Figures, or the Landskip be apparently Principal; buttwo contending Powers of Equal Confideration

in a Picture, as well as in a State, will create Disturbance, and Confusion.

There is a Set of eight large Prints of Poufsin's Landskips, amongst which are the two I have been speaking of, and the Pictures are There said to be in the Gallery of the Louvre. 'Tis not unusual for a Master to repeat his Works: Poussin may perhaps have done it in These Instances, as well as in some Others.

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The Sacraments; in which there is much Variety, as to their Manner; Some of them have at first Sight a great Air of Copies, Others are much better Painted. None of them are well Colour'd, tho' Some better than Others; without doubt they were Raw at first: They are in General Laboriously done. But what makes amends for all their Defects is, they are finely Thought, and the Expression throughout Admirable; in which respects I think they are better than those the Regent has, and consequently are preferrable to His, whatever Disadvantage they may Otherwise have in the Comparison.

The Baptism has no good Clair-Obscure, but is remarkable for the Expressions of Surprize, and Devotion upon the Sight of the

Dove.

The Communion, or Lettisternium, has excellent Airs of Heads, and Actions; but has more of the Air of a Copy than any of them, tho' 'tis undoubtedly not so.

That of Marriage; and

That of Extreme Unction, are chiefly remarkable for the fine Airs.

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That of Confirmation is best Painted of them all; there is a Bold Pencil seen, and better Colouring than in any other of them.

Here is a Copy of the Nozze Aldobrandi Dino. also done by Poussin, but 'tis ill Colour'd, nor

are the Airs well observ'd.

An Indifferent Copy of the Joconda of Lionardo da Vinci which the King of France has, but faid Here to be an Original. I have seen another of these Copies at Brussels.

The Palace Savelli.

This was the most ancient Family in Rome, Horace calls it ancient. Extinct about two Years ago.

Over the Gate on the infide is a Fight of Lyons, and a Man combating a Tyger; of a

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An Antique Bas-Relief.

The Palace Colonna.

The Gallery for the Structure, Elegance, and Antique Pillars, the most Magnificent, and most Famous in Rome.

A Pest, about a Yard long, and not quite Poussin. so much high: Finely Colour'd, and Painted. My Father has a finish'd Drawing (Original) of the Principal Groupe.

Claude Loranese, Gasper Poussin, &c.

Several other Pictures of Good Masters.

The Church of St. Carlo Catinari.

The first Altar on the Right-hand of the Lanfrance. Marquis Costaguti has the Annunciation by Lanfrance. My Father has the Drawing.

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The Bishop at Prayers. (St. Gregory.) The Duke of Decomprise has the Drawing.

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Guido.

The Salutation of SS. Mary and Elizabeth, a Finish'd Sketch, the same Design as that Painted in the Scalzo in Florence, only This

is in Colours, about a Yard long.

Cardinal Belardino Spada; Whole-length, Sitting. The Clair-Obfoure in Perfection; the Face is Evidently the Principal, the Light defeends gradually, and fweetly fpreads it felf throughout; for all is Light, and Gay; but with fuch due Gradations, that all is Harmony, and very Strong. The Face has a prodigious Relief, tho' upon a Broad Light Ground, a Curtain of a Laky Colour which Guido greatly delighted in. The Flesh is Warm, and the Colouring Clean, and Transparent. No Hair is feen, he has a Red Cap, and the Drapery Exquifitely Painted, 'tis a Cardinal's Summer Drefs, Crimfon Sartin, and the Rochet shows the Silk inder it wonderfully well. The Cardinal fits at a Table with a Pen in his Hand, and his cother Hand falling in his Lap: his Face turn'd from his Writing, and what Shadow it has is on the Broad side. This Picture is much talk'd of, and with good reason.

Guercino.

The Death of Dido, she is fallen on the Ground, and the Sword comes above a Yard through

through her Body; the Expression is something Savage, and Outré, but withal very touching; the Picture is bigger than the Life. Tis in a Strong, Black manner, as almost all His are; particularly the St. Petronella at St. Peters. In this Picture is a Man dress'd like one of the Swisses of the Pope's Guard.

The Statue of *Pompey* as big again as the Antique. Life, holding a Globe in One hand, and the Other stretch'd out as making a Speech; 'tis Excellent; and moreover, 'tis the very Statue at the foot of which *Julius Casar* fell, and is the Only one in *Rome* of this Great Man, and found in the time of *Julius* III. in the Ruins of the place *Plutarch* has describ'd.

On the House call'd il Maschera d'Oro, and that of Belloni

Is painted the Rape of the Sabins (of part Polidore. of which my Father has two feveral Drawings) pretty well preferv'd, except that part of the Wall is broke just under the Window. There was another Story which is now quite ruin'd; 'twas divided from this by the Cato (painted as a Bronze, of which my Lord Somers had the Drawing.) Here is also the famous Frizes of the Apollo, and Niobe, and the Mutius Soavola (of which last I think my Father has the Drawing, 'Capital') but as they are almost gone, part is plaister'd over again, I cannot be very positive'tis the Same. These were painted on the Outside Walls in Chiaro-scuro. The Houses are not Contiguous, but Opposite to each other. Villa

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Villa Palombara, heretofore the Villa of Mecænas.

The fine Trunk of Apollo the same as that of Black stone in the Gallery Farnese. Lately dug up, As big as the Life.

Palace Ottoboni.

In the Chancellery is a Bust in Touch-stone of Vespasian; very Fine, and

Hercules Farnese, 1; foot, Antique: Ad-

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Nothing else Here, whether Statues, or Pictures very considerable.

St. Marino; in the Dome.

Flaying St. Barthol. one of his Best.

In the Forum Nervæ.

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Is a long Bas-releif of the Works of Minerva, exceeding fine, but much damag'd; 'tis in the Admiranda from 35, to 41 inclusive.

Santo Paolo decollato alle 3 Fontane:

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St. Peter with his Head downwards, remarkable particularly for the Swing the Figure has; and withall for those other Circamstances Natural to a Body in that Useasy Attitude. These together with the Darkness of the Picture give it a fine Expression. This was done when Guido was Young; and struggling for Reputation against Caravaggio who then bore down all before him; infomuch that

that Guido had Thoughts of leaving Painting, and of applying himself to Buy, and Sell Pictures, and Drawings, which at That time was grown to be a Trade of considerable Advantage, not only in Rome, but in France, Holland, and England. Felsina Pittr. tom.

The VATICAN.

When I enter'd the Gates of Rome found my felf at the utmost of my Wishes, a the Places I was to see in this World; the tican is That to Rome, which Rome is to the World besides.

For Here are the Most, and the most Celebrated Works of Raffaele, the Apollo of Painting. Here it may be said was Raffaele's Painting-Room: Here he Began at his first coming to Rome, and Here he was employ'd at the time of his Death, and in all the intermediate time, whatever other Works of his were go-

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Those Apartments call'd le Logie di Raffaele, are a Suite of Four Rooms, Beginning with the Hall of Constantine, and Ending with that call'd the Chamber of the Signature. These have been describ'd by Vasari, Filibien, and others, but especially by Bellori, who has been very Particular, and to my certain Knowledge very Exact, for I read him upon the Spot, and compar'd his Description with the Things themselves, which therefore sav'd me the Pains of taking Notes, as I should others.

otherwise have done, His Book being to me instead of Such, so far as it goes; by the help of which therefore I shall describe these Cele-

brated Works in my Own way.

The Vatican is a Vast Palace, and very Irregular: Part of it is very Ancient, Other part Built, or Repair'd in Later Times: Much of the Furniture that was there in the Days of Julius II. and Leo X. remains still. There are Paintings by several of the Old Masters, and Some by Raffaele, or his Scholars, besides those in the Rooms I am about to speak of.

One mounts up to these by a Stair-Case which is Circular; the Stairs are of Brick, and of so Easy an Ascent, that a Horse might almost Gallop up. These Apartments are Three Stories high, and even with the open Gallery, where are the Paintings call'd Raffaele's Bible, of which I shall speak in their turn.

The *Pope has chang'd his Residence for about 12 Years past; and probably this Palace will not be the Habitation of suture Popes, it being neither so Commodious, nor in so good an Air as Monte Cavallo, where he now resides. I was surprized to find the Painters, and Lovers seem to have forsaken this Place as well as the Pope; for tho' I was here about 20 times, and often staid Long, I never saw any Creature (besides the Servant that let me into the Lodgings, and always attended me) but Once a Painter that was making a Wretched Copy of the Battel of Constantine.

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The Rooms are well Shap'd, and the Ceilings of a good Height, the Hall of Constantine is the Largett, and has the Highest Ceiling: This also is by much the Lightest, for the rest are Dark, all Three pretty Near, or probably Exactly of the Same Dimensions, but the Windows (on the Infide at least) jet out from the Room with Seats round them, as if they were fo many fmall Apartments. These Windows are divided into Little parts with Thick Frames, and those Divisions Glaz'd with little Quarrels (as I think they use to call those small Pieces of Glass in Old-fashion'd Windows.) One of the Ceilings, That of the Chamber of the Signature, (I am not certain whether there are more of them So) is divided into Rounds, and Squares by a like Frame, Thick, and standing off from the Superficies as the Rafters of a Cottage cover'd only a-top with the Floor of the Room over Head, from whence the Hint was undoubtedly taken for these fort of Ceilings, commonly seen in Old Noble Buildings.

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All the Paintings in these Apartments are not of Raffaele: the Chamber of the Signature had been Begun by Others, but what They had done was Now Demolish'd by the Pope's Order, Except a Part of the Ceiling which Raffaele Preserv'd. The Hall of Constantine was Painted after his Death by Giulio Romano, and Francisco Penni, call'd il Fattore di Raffaele, tho' by the Designs which were made by their Great Master, for the Principal Pictures There, if not for the Whole Work:

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And These, and Others of his Disciples painted the Little Histories, and Ornaments, and probably Assisted in the Large Pictures in the Rooms that were finish'd in his Life-time.

Raffaele was employ'd in this Work immediately upon his coming to Rome. In what Year That was, I am not certain. But there is *a Letter of His extant, Dated from Thence in 1508, (He was then 25 Years Old) and he Dy'din 1520; fo that he was at least 12 Years about These Works: tho' he did many Others also in That time, as well in Architecture, as

in Painting.

On the sides of the three Rooms are the Large Pictures, which with a fort of Frame, or Ornament in Old-sashion'd Work us'd in that time, and is a little upon a Gothick Taste, reach up to the Ceiling, and down to about the height of a Tall Man; the rest to the Ground is Divided by Cariatides in a Brown Colour, between which are little Histories, as Bas-Reliefs painted in Clair-Obscure upon a Yellowish Ground, which resembles Drawings upon that Colour'd Paper Heighten'd, only they are Larger, for the Figures (as I remember) are about two Foot long.

In the Hall of Constantine the large Pictures are at a greater height, so that I could not reach the bottom of them till I got up many Steps of a Machine which is There for That purpose, on which one sits Commodiously to

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observe those parts of the Works which otherwise would be too remote from the Eye. And in This Room there is an Interval between the Large Pictures, and the Frizes and Ornaments underneath.

Nor are these Principal Pictures in the several Rooms of a Like Form, or Dimension, some are Larger than Others; most of them Arch'd a-top, and some being over Windows, and coming down on each side make a Shape

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The Different Positions of these Works make a like Difference in the Advantage of Seeing them; Some are seen in a Good Light, but That is only in the Hall of Constantine; All the other three Rooms are too Dark, and even of those Pictures that are the Best seen, the Ends are more obscur'd than the Middle, the Rest are seen, Some with Windows glaring in your Eyes, and which you cannot Always, or Wholly remedy, and Some are in such Dark places that they must need have been painted by Candle-light, or the Windows Were not as they Are Now.

The Colouring in General is Blackish, and Disagreeable; whether 'twas so at First, or Chang'd by Time; but in This, as in Other Matters there is a Difference: Some are bet-

ter, and more Agreeable than Others.

There is Another confiderable Circumstance which makes these Famous Works appear with Less Advantage than Otherwise they would have done, and that is a General want of Harmony, not only in the Pictures themselves,

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but in the whole Rooms, being too much Crowded; the Lesser Works Embarass the Greater, which would have shewn themselves Better had there been no Other; and the Eye bounded, and kept to These by Frames that had only serv'd for that purpose, and not such

as to Allure, or Diftract it.

The Painting is all Fresco, and allowing for That Difference, and the different Times in which they were done one may have an Idea of the Merit of the Pictures done by Raffaele himself, by comparing them with those of Him at Hampton-Court: Here is that Greatness of Style, those Noble Attitudes, Airs of Heads, and even the like Pencil, and Colouring; Only Thefe are not fo Gay, and Pleafing; which is Partly Owing to the Colouring it felf, and Partly to Circumstances I have been remarking; the want of Harmony, the Disadvantageous Positions, the Darkness, and not a Little to the Gothick Old-fashion'd Place and That Heighten'd by its being Uninhabited, and Unfrequented, which together with the Rest spreads a fort of Melancholy Air throughout, Especially in the Rooms painted by Raffaele Himfelf, which (as I faid) want Light extremely.

As to their Preservation, besides what Time has done, they have received no Great Injury. And what Has happened is so well Repaired that 'tis not Perceived without one Looks for

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The General Design of the Paintings of This Room is to display the Power of the Human Mind, capable by the Divine Assistance, Ordinary, or Extraordinary, to attain the Noblest Sciences, Divinity, Philosophy, (Moral, and Natural) Civil Law, and Poetry, which are represented in the Four Principal Pictures, and to which the Lesser Ones Severally have relation, and they help to Explain them.

It cannot be doubted but that not Only This General Design was Given Him, but that Raffaele was Affisted in the Conduct of it: And confidering the Time, Place, and Subject, 'tis exceeding Probable he was More under Direction than Painters commonly are; and more than would have been Necessary to Him in most Other Cases. Nor was This Assistance, or Direction Impos'd upon him Altogether, He Himself Desir'd it, at Least Some of it. He apply'd himself to Painting from his Infancy; and fo Diligently as not to leave Time for fo much Reading as in fuch Subjects as These was Necessary. A Friend of mine has feen (in the Hands of Cav. Pozzo at Rome, about 25 Years ago) an Original Letter of Raffaele to Ariosto, the Business of which was to defire his Help in the Picture of Theology, as to the Characters of the Persons that were to be introduc'd, their Countreys, or whatever Other Particularities related to them in order to represent Them severally as Persectly as possible, and as they Ought to be repreiented.

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But Whoever Affifted him, to Execute Such Works as These are, requir'd as Great a Man as Any of Them. I defire it may be Remember'd, and Observ'd, that in the Remarks I have taken the Liberty to make upon these Celebrated Pictures I apply my felf chiefly to the way of Thinking in them, which how far it is Raffaele's, or Whose it is, is Uncertain in many Cases; consequently in Those, we know not Who is Applauded, or Combated. But if That part which one may Reasonably judge to be His in these Works, be compar'd with What 'tis Probable He is Not Accountable for, I believe it will be found that a Greater share of Glory, and Less of Blame, will belong to Him than to his Affistants, and Directors.

Nor is it Always the Man that answers to the Idea which is Commonly annex'd to the Name of Raffaele that I Censure when I Criticile the Works of That Great Painter. Connoisseurs are not sufficiently Careful to Distinguish between the Times, and Kinds of Work of a Master. We have a great Idea of Mich. Angelo (for example) but so great a one does not belong to him when 20, as at 50, or when he Painted, as when he cut a Statue: That Great Idea which we have of him from his Belt Works must not be carry'd along with us Throughout, and apply'd to All he did, He is so many Different Men in these Different Views; and you may Attack M. Angelo, without Attacking the Great Master. Thus if when I was speaking of the Galatea in the Lungara, (pag. (pag. 123.) I had faid that That Figure was too Little for That place, I had Criticised Raffaele indeed, but Another Raffaele than when he painted the Cartons; so much had those sew Years that Interven'd Chang'd the Man. And I should have been Justify'd in my Cenfure by the Authority of Mich. Angelo who said the same thing, (would to God I could say it as He did!) When He, with all Rome, came to see that Picture when 'twas first Open'd, He only drew that sine Head of the Faunus upon the Wall so much Bigger than the Life. Which Language Raffaele understood so well, as it put a Stop to his Labours There.

This Account of That Matter I have heard fince I wrote That, which was Then the Only Reason I knew to have been given for the Bare Walls in the Remaining part of That Room (as it Now is, tho''twas formerly more open to the Air) and This being Probably the Best, I have taken This Opportunity to insert it: Both however do Justice to Raffaele as a Modest Man; and Both might have been True Reasons whether he gave any more than One

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I must premise One thing more concerning My Remarks on these Pictures, which is That as Raffaele wanted the Assistance of Those that had More Learning than Himself in the Painting of them, so do I in Considering them. I pretend therefore to give Only Some Hints which Others Better qualify'd may please to make Use of (if they find them of Any) towards a more Accurate Examination of these Celebrated Works.

Our Writers differ upon the Question as to the Picture Raffaele Began withal: Vafari, and after Him Filibien, and Others; fay it was, That call'd the School of Athens. But I rather believe Bellori, who makes it to be That of Theology; or to speak more Justly, I rather believe my Own Eyes; for there is an Apparent difference in the Style, and Manner of Painting of This, compar'd with That, and all the Rest: The Glory, and Ornaments are Heighten'd with Gold, which was the way of the Old Painters; and there is a Regularity, and Stiffness in the Disposition of the Figures, and which also favours of Gothicism, and is more than is to be found in any of the Other Pictures, as indeed the whole is in a Style Inferior to what he did Afterwards, as shall be farther shewn presently.

The General Thought of This, as of other Great Pictures in this Chamber is, Here is the Principal of the Science, with a number of the most remarkable Professors of it. This moreover is a kind of Local System of the Christian Religion; and in That respect, and because the Principal Figures are so vastly Superior in Dignity to all the others, as is also the Subject itself, it might have been the Noblest of all those in the Vatican, if it had not been done 'till about the time he painted the Cartons which are at Hampton-Court, or even if this had been deferr'd some time longer: 'tis

however a very magnificent one.

The Eternal Father is represented as presiding over the Universe: This is not quite a Half Half Figure, plac'd Fore-right upon the top of an Arch which is over the Christ, and in which are several Cherubims, very Regularly plac'd, and all Alike Regularly form'd: He holds a Globe in his Left-hand, and with his Right is giving the Benediction. The Vicegerency of the Son appears manifestly, and That as exercis'd with great Benignity; his Head reclines a little, and with Open Arms he feems ready to receive the Supplications of all Mankind: But his fetting his Foot (something rais'd) upon a Cloud, and just as it were upon the Holy Dove, has fomething Choquing, and that Representation of the Third Person of the Trinity does not strike the Eye in Such a manner as might have been expected, and So as in any degree to express the Equality; nor does it even extend its Rays farther than to make a Small Circle; but being near the Fathers, and Doctors of the Church, which are just under on each side, there was a Fine Opportunity to express his Sacred Operations on their Minds; nevertheless Raffaete seems not to have had any Thought like This, for even the Four Gospels which are yet Nearer, Two on each fide, reprefented by as many Books held up by Boy-Angels, These partake not at all of the Rays fent forth by the Holy Spirit as here reprefented.

On the Right hand of the Christ is the blessed Virgin in an Adoring, Supplicating Posture, and addressing herself wholly to Him; The Mediatorship seems to belong to her, as the Regency does to her Son; but very little regard is shewn to the Father by any of the Orders of Angels, (of both kinds) Saints, or Men, the First in Clouds on each side of the Upper part of the Picture, the Second Order on like Clouds on each side about the Middle; One of the Old, and one of the New Testament Alternatively; and the Others on Steps at the Bottom, on each side of an Altar on which is the Consecrated Host.

All these three Rows of Figures of Angels, Saints and Men are plac'd Archwise, and that not only as each end is Higher than the Middle, as in the two Uppermost, or Lower, as in that on the Base of the Picture, so that This Last has an Arch'd form, and the other two make Arches inverted; but the Extremities are nearer the Eye than where these Rows are discontinued by the three Persons of the Trinity, and the Altar on which is the Host, All which are perpendicularly one under the other through the Middle of the Picture; that is, these three Rows are so many Semicircles plac'd Horizontally; seen in Perspective, and cut in the Middle by a

On the Left hand of the Son of God is feated St. John Baptist. I cannot imagine why that Preheminece is here given to him, who is equally Conspicuously plac'd with the Virgin-Mother: if the strange Regularity which is seen in this Picture must be continued throughout (for the Virgin, the Christ, and this Saint, make the Base of a Triangle which the Father compleates) one would have thought St. Peter should have been preferr'd, but he is remov'd

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to the very Extremity of the Picture in the row of Saints of both Testaments, and is seated next to Adam, He to St. John the Evangelist, &c. as St. Paul is in the extreamity on the Other side next to Abraham, &c. only This Preserence is given to St. Peter, he is on the Right side; but as I said as Remote as possible from

the Principal Group in the Centre.

The Doctrines of the Trinity, Incarnation, and Mediatorship, being thus express'd, that of the Crucifixion of our Lord is noted by the Wounds appearing in his Body, the Glorification of which implies his Resurrection; and the Saints on the Clouds a Future State. There remains only the Eucharistical Presence in the Church to compleat the System, which according to Their Doctrine of Transubstantiation, is express'd by the Host in the Golden Osten-Gorio on the Altar.

The lower Order of Figures confifts of Divines, and others; of which the four Fathers of the Latin Church, two on each fide of the Altar are the Chief; the restare Ecclesiasticks, and some Lay-men, in various Attitudes, Contemplating, Writing, Dictating, Discoursing,

and two or three adoring the Host.

Amongst those of this Lower Order is Dante the Poet, Bellori says He is plac'd with the Divines, as having in his Poem describ'd Hell, Purgatory, and Heaven. Don Quevedo had he been Then, might as well have had a place there as He if This was his Title to it. The truth of the matter I believe was; Here are several Figures, Laymen, as

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well as Ecclefiasticks, and Without any Name, or Particular Character, as well as With such, Dante's Face, he being a Favourite Writer, is put to one of These. Thus, but not Otherwise is Raffaele to be justify'd in this Assair.

I wish I could as Easily get over Another Objection to this Picture, and that is with relation to the Management of the Light. The Holy Trinity is here represented, the Three Persons severally, Each of them surrounded with his Own peculiar Glory; but they receive no Light from Thence Themselves, nor do they communicate Any to the Other Figures in the Picture, not even to the most Contiguous; All partake of the Common Day-Light just as if none of that Brightness had proceeded from those Sacred Persons.

'Tis very Choquing to see a Figure all in Glory, and Another just by it shadow'd on That side, which is Nearest to it, and a great many Others all around not in the least Influenced by fuch Splendor. There is indeed Three feveral Figures fo Irradiated, and it may be Thought that had this Light been made to have had its Natural Effect, it would have createda Confusion in the Picture, and such as would have been a Greater Evil than what was avoided by fo doing: If This were the Cafe 'twas certainly well judg'd to make it as it is, it would be Then a Beauty, not a Fault. I believe with a much Leffer Licence than is Here taken, the Light might have been spread as Advantagiously upon All the Figures as it Now is, and have proceeded from that part from

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from whence it would Naturally come: nay I will venture to fay farther, that it would Thus have had a Better Effect than it Now has; besides that it would have given a great-

er Dignity to These Representations.

The Three Persons of the Trinity are All Near each other, and would have made One United Light; and Thefe Figures being Painted with Tender Shadows only, and their Common Glory Diffus'd on Each Side, and Below, Diminishing gradually as the Objects on which it struck were Remov'd from It towards the Extremities of the Picture would have had a Lovely Effect; especially fince the Subordinate Figures have that Semicircular Form, and are fo Plac'd as has been Noted; for Thus not only That Light would have gone off, as Ifaid towards the Outsides of the Picture, but all those Figures which in those Semicircles are Behind the Perpendicular, or in the Middle, would have been in Full Light indeed, but That Weaken'd by the Distance as They Severally have, and fo as to make a Fine piece of Aerial Perspective. This also would have Detach'd the Principal Figures from all the Rest, and have occasion'd a fine Subordination in the Whole, and with That a most Beautiful Harmony: What I have Advanc'd will be better comprehended by confidering It together with the Print.

Tho' this Picture is commonly call'd the Dispute of the Sacrament, Here is no appearance of any such thing; the Divines and Others are employ'd as Men of their several Characters

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Characters must be suppos'd to be if there was no Controversy intended to be represented.

The Doctrine of the Real Presence is of for Sublime a Nature, and indeed the highest Stretch that ever was made by Man in the Affair of Religion, that 'tis no wonder if Raffaele has had fo much regard to it as to represent many of these People greatly concern'd about it. But it cannot be thought he would have done it Himfelf, or have been directed by Others to have admitted the thing to be Difputable, or to suppose that any of the Personages Here introduc'd ever Doubted of the Truth of this Doctrine; Nor were the Oppofers of it at That time Confiderable enough to be Thus taken notice of by the Court of Rome; for This Picture was done fome Years before the Reformation was begun by Luther, who appear'd not 'till in the Pontificate of Leo X. the Successor of Julius II. in whose time this was Painted.

This therefore was never intended by Raffaele when he design'd this Picture; but a Sense put upon it afterwards when that Controverly made a great Noise by Those who consider'd not the Circumstances of the Time when 'twas done: Vasari gave the Hint by fancying there was a Dispute; and the Sacrament being There That was supposed to be the Occasion of it.

The Business of this Picture is to set forth the great Articles and Mysteries of Religion; and to excite Sentiments of Piety, and Devotion; and this it does by Clear, Noble; and Lively Representations, and by Expressions Just, and Strong; and all with that Grace and Nobleness of Style peculiar to Raffaele, but in what degree I have observed already.

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The next Picture in Dignity, and which Vafari fays was First done, is that call'd the School of Athens. 'Tis indeed a very Magnificent one; but this Magnificence is purely Humane, as that of the Other is of a more Sublime kind. The Thought of Raffaele, as Obvious as it is has been Shamefully mistaken by Vafari, who has imagin'd it to be the Agreement of Philosophy and Astrology, with Divinity; and that there were Evangelists, and Angels, and I know not what, which he describes with great Pomp, and Applause. Thomasyn who has Retouch'd the Plate done by Giorgio Mantovano has given a formal Account of it, as of St. Paul disputing with the Epicureans and Stoicks; and has put Glories about the Heads of Plato, and Aristotle, Suppoling these Figures to be Apostles. This is an Addition of his Own, for 'twas not in the Plate Originally, as there is no fuch thing in the Picture; which is evidently that of Philosophy, Moral, and Natural, represented by the Teachers, and Learners of those Sciences, in Attitudes, and Employments to express, their feveral Characters; and where Assistance. could be had from Medals, Intagliaes, Statues, or Bufts, there Raffaele has given us the Resemblances of the Persons; for the rest he has, Imagin'd them, or put the Faces of Other Perions then living, as of his Friend and Patron Bramante

Bramante for Archimedes, of the Dukes of Urbin, and Mantua for Scholars; at least for 'tis faid, he has brought Himself in as one of the Latter fort, and amongst the Mathematicians, and very Modeltly in the very Extre-mity of the Picture.

Raffaele was the best qualified of any Man in the World for this Work, so far as it was giving the Portraits, (or what were to be confider'd as fuch) of an Assembly of Men who have done the Greatest Honour to our Species as Rational Beings; for no Man in That time, or any Other fince the Decay of the Arts as they were possessed by the Ancients, could express that Dignity, Wisdom, and Solidity as he did; and he Thought as finely as any of Them in Subjects within his reach: But as he was not a Man of much Learning, if he committed Faults in Those where he was out of his Depth, the Blame ought to be plac'd to Their Account under whole Direction he was, or who Ought to have Affifted him.

Next the Bafe of the Picture is a Pavement. whence artife four Steps, upon which is rais'd a Magnificent Building, confifting of three Arches one behind another like Scenes: Just Under the hithermost of which Arches, and in the Middle of the Picture, stand Plato, and Aristotle; and on each side of them their Difciples; only on the Right, (Plato's fide) is Socrates Reasoning with Alcibiades, and two, or three Others attending. On the Second Step, and a little to the Left of the Picture, but very Confpicuous fits Diogenes, and one Figure

Figure is just by him Mounting from that Step to the next as going to those above, Another is Descending. On the Pavement below, and on the Right side is Pythagoras with his Disciples, a large Groupe that reaches to the middle of the Picture; Another lesser Groupe of Figures is on the other side, where is Archimedes, with his Compasses forming a Figure on a Tablet on the Ground, Zoroastres, and another, He with the Terrestrial, the Other with the Celestial Globe: These also have their Disciples.

The Statues of Apollo, and Minerva, and the Bas-reliefs which are seen in the Building, &c. Illustrate, and Explain the Subject of the Picture, as they refer to Moral Philoso-

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Plato was always esteem'd by the Christians as one whose Notions agree with Theirs; more than those of any other of the Heathens as to Divine Things, and he has the Principal Place; Aristotle has the Next being Then; and for some Ages in the greatest Esteem. Sotrates is a Beautiful Character, and is nobly Employ'd in Reclaiming a Fine Gentleman, and conducting him into the Paths of Virtue, and he is Juffly plac'd very Conspicuously. Pythagoras also is where he Ought, and with proper Dignity. As Diogenes is well known, he is placed in full View; and with equal Judgment Raffaele has flung him upon the Steps. His Drefs, and Air is moreover very Cynical. The Looks, and Behaviour of the Disciples of Archimedes shew the Wonders, and Demon-Pz Atrations strations of the Mathematicks, for they seem to Admire, but to be Satisfy'd. The My. sterious, and Surprizing Doctrines of Pythagoras are seen by the great Thoughtfulness of those that attend to him; Even the Manner of the Reasoning of Socrates is Express'd; he holds the Fore-singer of his Lest-hand between that, and the Thumb of his Right, and seems as if he was saying, You grant me This, and This; and Plato points to Heaven, which shews his Character. An Old Decrepid Man with a Staff comes in on one side at the Extremity of the Picture on the top of the Steps, as a Child appears at the other end below, in a Man's Arms, to shew that none are too Old,

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These, and perhaps many More, (besides those comprehended in the General Character of these Works already given, and which every one knows must be found in what Raffaele did) are the Beauties of this Picture. I wish I could here finish my Remarks upon it, or go on in the fame way; but fomething also must be faid on the Other hand: That the Books throughout are of the Modern Form, not Rolls, except in one Instance, is of no great 'Consequence, tho' 'tis Wrong; the Ancients Nor is it to be esteem'd a having no fuch. Fault either in Raffaele, or those that Directed him that Zoroastres is represented as a King, 'twas the Opinion of that Time: Neither dol object against his having a Terrestrial Globe, 'tis a fort of Liberty, but being a Man of General Knowledge, as well as the Restorer of the

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of he the Sect of the Magians, (tho' That was his Chief Character) he might be introduc'd to affift in representing those two great Branches of Learning, Astronomy, and Geography. By the way I will observe that Rasfaele once intended Him that holds the Other Globe for Zoroastres; for my Father has his Study for That, and some other Figures in this Picture, and he has given some Touches for a Radial Crown on his Head, but resolv'd on the Cap.

My great Objection is, that here is no Notice taken of the Epicureans, and the Stoicks, two fuch very confiderable Sects in Philosophy. Here are about Threescore Figures, of which but Seven only are Principal ones: Plato, Aristotle, Socrates, Diogenes, Pythagoras, Zoroastres, and Archimedes; or if you please let Alcibiades make an Eighth, for the great part he has in Expressing Moral Philofophy, the Chief of the two Branches of which the Whole confifts: All the rest are Disciples only, and without any particular Character: Here was Room, and Opportunity to reprelent those two great Sects, and to do this farther Justice to them; to shew the Real Doctrine of Epicurus, and the Beauty of it; and what is truly Excellent in that of the Stoicks. Epicurus might have been feen, not Gormandizing, or Drunk; but Greatly Delighted with his Roots, and Cold Water: And Cato, as Lucan has describ'd him

Bearing his Arms in his Own Patient Hand would have made a Noble Figure, with Labie-

thould be the Fate of the Republick; which Story Monlieur St. Evremont prefers to any thing in Homer, or Virgil. This great Stoick's Answer is too long for me to infert, and perhaps twould be too much a Digression, Beautiful as it is; I will however venture to give the Words of the Poet at the Conclusion of it as I find them translated by Mr. Row.

So spake the Hero; and to keep his Word, Nor Ammon, nor his Oratle explor'd; But left the Crowd at Freedom to believe, And take finth Answers as the Priest should give.

After Divinity, which is to teach us the Knowledge of the Supreme Good, and provides for our Happinels, not only Here, but throughout our whole Existence, that is for Endless Ages; and Philosophy, which is to Regulate our Passions, and Inlarge our Understandings in the Present State, and so to promote our Happinels Here: After These comes Poetry, whose Business it is to Improve that Happinels, to add Delight to Instruction, and to Impregnate our Minds with the most Noble, and Beautiful Images, and so to advance us into a State above that of Common Men, as the Other Sciences raise us above Brutes.

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be So, or No: Those of History should be True, and Probable. Poetry, with an Appearance of Truth, lists our Imaginations Above it; as its Language must be more Musical than Common Speech, but so Like Nature as to hide the Art. And as Here Bombast is to be Avoided, the Thoughts ought no more to have it than the Words; that is, the they are Bold, they must not be Extravagant.

Tho Deep, yet Clear, tho Gentle, yet not

Strong without Rage, without o'er-flowing Full. Denham.

This Picture (as feveral Others in these Apartments) is of an Ill Shape, Arch'd a-top, and Over, and on each side of a Window; and 'tis therefore Disadvantagiously plac'd with respect to the Light, which strikes not on It, but on the Eye: That is dazzled, and perplexed with a Bright Sky, when it ought to be in Repose; and the Picture is in the Dark.

Apollosits just in the Middle upon Parnafsus, with the Sacred Spring flowing out at his
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like Trees are at each Side of the Picture; Two
of the Muses are Sitting, One on either Side
of the God, the roll are Standing behind,
Three on his Right, and Four on his Lesthand: In the remaining part the Poets are
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of Apollo, and the Muses, the rest descending
to the Base of the Picture, Some Equal with,
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The Subject of This Picture being Different from the rest in This Room, occasions a fine Variety, and Contrast. The Divinity Picture has its Figures in Heaven, and on Clouds, as well as on Earth, and these are God, (the Father, and Son) with Angels, Saints, Men, &c. That of Philosophy has a Magnificent Building for the Scene of its Figures, who are Grave as the Other, but not so Awful, and Sublime. This has a Hill, a Fountain, and Trees, and is Peopled with a Fictitious Deity, and Other Imaginary Beings, as well as with Poets their Creators, and who are Eternally Creating more such Non-Entities.

I wish however that This Difference in the Subject had been farther consider'd than it is; and that all Here had been Graceful, Light, and Gay; whereas the General Tinct of Colour, and the Figures of this Picture are no More so than in the Others; on the contrary, they are rather Less, and consequently Less Agreeable, which is by no means the Character of Poetry, or of the Persons in This Pi-

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And as in the Former Philosophy is Imperfectly represented, in This Poetry is so, the Epic, and Lyric, and perhaps some Other kinds of Writers in Poetry have Here their Representatives; but either the Dramatic Poets are Nothere, or what is as bad, they are not Known to be so. I have seen several Accounts of the Names which are judg'd to belong to each Figure, and which agree tolerably well with each Other; but none of them have those of Æschylus,

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Aschylus, Sophocles, Euripides, Menander, Terence, and others who had a better Title to a place Here than feveral of those that are fuppos'd to have that Honour; Possibly as These Accounts are for the Most part Conjectures only they may be Miltakes, and Raffaele might have intended the Figures to whom the Names are affign'd to represent Others; but as there is nothing to denote Who is meant, the Picture fays only there was a Homer, a Virgil, and fuch Others as are Apparently here; and that there were Several more; without faying Who, or What they were. It is only faying that Poetry confifts of the Epic, Lyric, &c. Which whoever should have faid, and no More must be confess'd to have fpoken very Inaccurately, and to have given a very Confus'd Account of the Thing, how Beautiful foever the Language, or Elocution might have been. I common Aunti oaken bou

Of those Poets that are known, One has her Name Written, This is Sappho, and who might have been denoted without that Expedient; and with great Advantage to the Picture; she might have had a fine Expression of a Lover in Despair for her Phaon; whereas here she is a Tame Figure without Any Character, but what her Name, and the Instrument she holds

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The rest of These we know by their being Portraits, or by certain Circumstances, as Homer is Singing his own Immortal Verses, and a Young Man writing them down, which shows the History of their being Collected into

into a Book from Scatter'd Pieces; Virgil is Dante's Guide, for which we have this Modern's Own Authority: Horace feems Liftening to, and Admiring Homer, and Pindar; in regard no doubt to the fine Ode, and Epiffle he has left in Praise of those two Poets.

he has to Pindar, the he might have been otherwise Indicated, and Better, Pindar is known by the Regard Others have to him, not by any Particularity which his Character demanded; it is a Figure that would have ferv'd better for one of less Force, and Fire than he was remarkable for a standard to the s

Homer is very Confpicuous, as he oughtto be, and to as to put one in mind of what (as I remember) Mr. Addison said of him, that he Seem'd to look Down upon the rest of Mankind as a Species Below him: But Vingil does not make that Appearance which the place he holds amongst the Poets requires. He may however have the Confolation of observing that even Apollo, which upon all accounts ought to have been a Noble Figure, is a very Indifferent one, and indifferently Employ'd; he is playing upon a Violin, and feems in Rapcures upon hearing it, but very little regard is had to him by any of the Poets, only Virgil feems to direct Dante to attend. Belloritays he has heard This Inftrument was put into the Hands of the God to complement a Musician at that time much Esteem'd; admitting this to be true, I fear the Excuse is not Suffilows the Hillory of their being Colladais

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The Place in which Apollo lits is indeed the Proper one, the Middle of the Picture, and the most Conspicuous; but he is not Sufficiently distinguish d from the Muses as he Might have been by Standing, in an Attitude as some of the Antique Statues represent him. Nor is there a due Distance observed by the Poets. They make a Part of This Groupe, which ought to have been distinguished by being

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The Print of Marc Antonio was doubtless made Since this Picture, and perhaps some Years; whether from some Former Design, or that This was afterwards Corrected by Raffaele, is hard to determine, tho Bellows is of the First Opinion: But Some of the Faults of the Picture are not in the Print; particularly Apollo Here has his Lyre, and that Groupe is detach'd from the Poets. The Print is indeed an Excellent one, and Worthy of the Esteem it has, because of the Fine Airs, and Attitudes one fees in it, which allo must be said of the Picture. Nevertheless the Other Defects in That, which I have taken the Liberty to mention are far from being repair'd in This; Poetry is not Truly represented, there are fower Poets Here than in the Painting; and Those Left out are some of the Best Figures There; and very Confiderable ones: But some Boys are Added, flying in the Air, every one of them with a Laurel Crown in each Hand; Isuppose to express the Bounty, and Goodness of Apollo ready to bestow Rewards on Future Poets; for all Here are Already supply'd with such.

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I cannot pass by an Instance of Vasari's Careleiness, and Luxuriant manner of Writing, nor forbear thereupon observing with what Caution one ought to read This, and indeed all Italian Authors in general on these fort of Subjects. He fays (describing this Picture) that there are an Infinity of Boys in the Air ___ I will give you the whole Passage: Nella facciata dunque di verso Beluedere done è il monte Parnaso, & il sonte di Elicona, fece intorno a quel monte una selua onbrosissima di lauri; ne quali si conosce per la loro verdezza quasi il tremolare delle foglie per l'aure dolcissime; & nella aria una infinità di Amori ignudi con bellissime arie di viso che colgono rami di lauro, & ne fanno ghirlande, & quelle spargano, & gettano per il monte. Whereas instead of this sweet shady Grove, there are only three little Tufts of Trees, one on each Side, and the other in the Middle, widely detach'd, and not one Boy in the Picture; in the Print indeed there are Five.

Amongst the other Differences, This Print has not Raffaele's Picture: In the Painting'tis with Homer, Virgil, and Dante, who Groupe with those Muses that are on the Right-hand

of Apollo.

Bellori takes it that Raffaele personates Himself, and that he had a Right to be there, as having very early done something in Poetry: Or to quit my own Prose for this Writer's Poetick Style, e ben qui degnamente è collocato in Parnaso, ove da primi anni gusto l'acque

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l'acque del fonte Ippocrene, è fù dalle Grazie, è dalle Muse mutrito.

Whatever has been written by Raffaele, very Little is Known, whether Publish'd, or in Manuscript: All that I have heard of is Four Letters, and a Sonnet; Two of these Letters are All that is Publish'd, One by Count Malvasia in * Felsina Pittrice, and the Other by † Bellori. This last has no Date, but by One of the MS. Letters (and of which I shall give an Extract at the end of my Remarks on the Works of this Master in these Apartments) it appears 'twas written about the Year 1514. Here is a Third; and the Other Letter of him is That I mention'd p. 199. written to Ariosto. The Sonnet is This:

Un pensier dolce erimembrare, e....
di quello asalto, ma piu grauo el danno
del partir, chio restai, como quei cano
s mar perso lastella sel uer odo.

Or lingua di parlar disogli el nodo, a dir, di questo inusitato ingano, chamor mi sece per mio grauo asano; ma lui piu ne ringratio, e lei ne lodo.

Lora Sestera che locaso, un sole aveua fatto, e laltro surse in locho ati piu da far fati che parole maio restai pur vinto ai mio gran socho che mi tormenta che doue lon sole desiar di parlar piu riman siocho.

^{*} P 2. p. 45.

[†] Descrizzione delle Imagini dipinte da Roffaele, esc. p. 100.

It ought to be consider'd that this is but a Sketch of a Sonnet, not a Finish'd Poem; 'tis written on a Drawing of Raffaele, a (first Thought for two or three Figures with a Pen) and seems to have been done at the same time when the Pen was in his Hand, and his Imagination stall of the Accident he here mentions. The Drawing is in the Collection of the Honourable Mr. Bruce, and is indisputably an Original. And that this Sonnet is also of him is as little to be doubted; for besides what is noted just now, and the Corrections I shall mention presently, the Characters, and Spelling agree with Others that are of Him.

The last Word of the first Line is torn off; the Words Sesta in the ninth, and fati in the eleventh Lines, were nera and patto, but alter'd with the same Pen; the Pointing and Spelling are exactly as in the Original. Which if Incorrect let it be imputed partly to the Haste in which it seems to have been written, and partly to the Manner of That Age: But because This may have made it something Unintelligible, I got the Assistance of

Mr. Rolli, who reads it Thus:

Un pensier dolce è Rimembrare, e godo di quell' Assalto, ma più provo il Danno del partir,* ch'io restai come quei ch'anno in mar perso la stella, se il Ver odo.

Or lingua di parlar disciogli il nodo, a dir di questo inusitato Inganno. che Amor mi sece per mio grave affanno: ma lui più ne ringrazio, e Lei ne Lodo.

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L'ora sesta era, che l'occaso un Sole
aveva fatto, e l'altro sorse in loco
atto più da far Fatti; che Parole:
Ma io restai pur vinto † al mio gran foco † dal.
che mi tormenta: * chè dove l'Uom suole * Perchè
desiar di parlar; più riman sioco.

Sweet Remembrance! Hour of Bliss When we met, but Now the more I Mourn, as when the Sailor is Star-less, distant far from Shore.

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Now Tongue, tho' 'tis with Grief, relate How Love deceiv'd me of my Joy; Display the Unaccustom'd Cheat, But Praise the Nymph, and Thank the Boy.

It was when the declining Sun
Beheld Another Sun arise;
And There where Actions should be done,
No Talking, only with the Eyes,

But I tormented by the Fire
That burnt within, was overcome:
Thus when to speak we Most desire
The More we find we must be Dumb.

Divinity, Philosophy and Poetry, Enrich, and Adorn the Mind of Man, but the Welfare of Society is not sufficiently provided for, if the Precepts These teach relating to it are not Explain'd, and Enforc'd by Positive Human Laws: Here is Another Noble Science which therefore remains to be represented in this Apartment; 'tis done on the side of the Room opposite

opposite to that wherethe Parnellus is paint. ed, and in a Picture of the Same Form. In the upper part of this Picture is Prudence, Temperance, and Fortitude, properly represented by Figures as usual. These Virtues, the necesfary to every Private Man that would be Just, and the best Security against Injustice, are here chiefly intended to represent the Qualifications of good Legislators, and Magistrates. On the Right fide of the Picture is Pope Greg. X. giving the Decretals, together with his Benediction to a Lawyer, kneeling, Others standing by: To this Pope Raffaele has given the Face of his then Patron Julius II. who is accompany'd by feveral Cardinals; Here are the Portraits of John Cardinal of Medicis; (afterwards Leo X.) Anthony Cardinal del Monte, Alexander Cardinal Farnese, (afterwards Paul III.) On the Left fide of the Picture is the Emperor Justinian delivering the Code to Trebonius, who is on his Knees; Others in the Habit of Lawyers assisting.

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We Artists know very well how great a share Other People have in our Works, which nevertheless our Cotemporaries, and Posterity Consider, and Descant upon as purely our Own. Tis exceeding Probable that This was Raffaele's Case, Here Especially; but the Subject would have Admitted, and indeed Required a Nobler Picture than This: Prudence, Temperance, and Fortitude, might have presided as Here; but if instead of these particular Histories which make a very Restrain'd, and Impersect Representation of the Science

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here to be treated, there had been the Founders of Empires as to their Civil Government, those that have collected scatter'd Savages into Societies, or given Laws to Kingdoms or Cities; If here had been Moses, Confucius, Romulus, Numa, Solon, Lycurgus, and such renown'd Benefactors to Mankind; not without fustinian, and if Raffaele's Directors had pleas'd Gregory IX, and some particular famous Lawyers in their Habits. If this Picture had been Thus manag'd I take upon me to say it would have done more Justice to the Science, and to Raffaele, and might have Compleated the Portraits, or Remembrances of the Great Men to be Commemorated in this A-

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The Liberty with which I treat these Celebrated Works will (I doubt not) be Severely Censur'd by Some; I desire therefore it may be confider'd whether, whilft I oppose Raffaele, or Those under whose Direction he was, whoever They were, I have not on My fide That which is a Sufficient Support, though the Whole World were on the Other, that is, Reaion. And I defire it may be Further observ'd, that as I faid at my Entrance into these Apartments I might Criticize these Works without touching Raffaete, I may do so without oppoling the General Opinion as to their Excellence. What has been so much Admir'd in them is the Fine Airs, and Attitudes, the Great Style of Painting, and Drawing, and in Some parts the Colouring, the Artful Management of the Clair-Obscure, and such Particu-

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lars which I do little more than Touch upon, but Admire for the most part as much as Any one: But the Manner of Thinking, as Important a Circumstance as it is, has not been So much Consider'd, and tis That which I chiefly concern my felf with: It being I think sufficient to give a General Idea of the Rest as I have done, for to be Particular in Remarks in Those would be Tedious, and of little Use, and That to a very Few only.

If my Remarks are just These are Excellent Pictures of Human Figures, tho' not as Representations of Philosophy, Poetry, &c. They have Parts Exceeding Fine, but Those put to

gether are not fo.

These Inequalities must not be wonder'd at in the Works of Men, the Greatest have had them: There is One very remarkable Instance of This in Shakespear, a Man as Great as Rassfaele in his Way, and like him in some Other Respects: What I mean is in his Second Part of King Henry IV. Act. 2. Sc. 3. Harry Pency's Widow is Dissuading his Father Northumberland from Engaging in an Affair he was then upon.

Ob yet for Heaven's sake go not to these Wars. The Time was (Father) when you broke your Word, When you were more endear'd to it than now, When your Own Peircy, when my Heart-dear Harry Threw many a Northward Look to see his Father Bring up his Powers; but he did Long in vain. Who then persuaded you to stay at home? There were two Honours lost, Yours, and your Son's For Yours may Heav'nly Glory brighten it:

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What Beauties are Here! And yet within the compals of three or four Lines is a Flat Contradiction. This may be Expounded into Sense by Those that Resolve to have it so, as is frequently done in Other Cases, but So Any thing

may be Good, or Bad at Pleasure.

In the four Rounds in the Ceiling of this Room are Painted Figures representing the Sciences treated more at large in the Sides of the Room; These are accompany'd with Little Pictures in the Angles, still referring to the same Grand Subjects; some are Histories, and some Allegorical.

The like is done in the small Pictures in Clair-Obscure, that are between the Cariatides under the large Works on the Sides of the Room, and which little Pictures are all of Po-

lydore, or other Disciples of Raffaele.

The General Design of the Pictures of This Chamber is to do Honour to Human Nature: That of those in the rest of these Apartments terminates in a Complement to the Papacy, not without Some that are Personal, especially to the Popes, in whose Pontificates these Works were done.

In the Chamber next to that of the Signature is painted the Heliodorus, and the Miracle of Bolsenna finish'd in 1512, Julius II. then being in the Chair; and the Attila, and Delivery of St. Peter finish'd A. 1514, in the time of his Successor Leo X.

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The Picture call'd the Heliodorus is a Delicate Complement to the then Pope, who valued himself as having by his Arms driven his Enemies out of the Patrimony of St. Peter: and is properly rather the Picture of what He had done in That Affair, than of the driving Heliodorus out of the Temple. The Language of this Picture is like that of an Opera, and the highest of that kind, a Song; which being stripp'd of its Musical, and Poetical Ornaments, the plain Sense lies in a very narrow compass, compar'd with its Beautiful Amplifications. What this Picture fays is in fhor no more than this; That the Holy Father drove out of the Ecclefiastical Patrimony his Sacrilegious Enemies, as the Angels of God drove Heliodorus out of the Temple which he had wickedly pillaged in the Days of Onias, a very Holy High Prieft.

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Thus understood, this excellent Picture is not liable to an Objection which every one will be apt to make, for you see the High Priest at his Devotion before the Altar; Heliodorus is driven out by a Horse-man, and two Young Men Miraculously sent by God, as the Story is finely told in 2 Maccab. iii. and on one fide of the Picture the Pope is brought in fitting in his Chair born on Men's Shoulders in their Modern Habits. Here is indeed 1 Mixture of Ideas widely different, and of Things, and Persons that never could be Together, but with the Reading I have given to this Picture, instead of an Objection you have a Beauty; no Other Picture that could have been

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been made to Complement the Pope on this Occasion, no particular Action, or Victory of His, tho' painted by a greater Hand than that of Raffaele (were That possible) could have done it so Effectually, and so Delicately as This.

The Architecture of this Picture has a Scenelike Regularity, as in the School of Athens; but the Story is admirably told, and particularly whereas the History fays the two Young Men stood by Heliodorus, one on each side Scourging him. Raffaele has made a Noble Improvement; He has not only avoided putting these two Figures Regularly one on each fide of the Sacrilegious Enemy of God, this was very Judicious as a Painter, but these Angelick Figures are Sufpended in the Air in a Swift Motion towards him, Nevertheless without Wings: This Thought is truly Sublime. The Pope's Attitude, and the Air of his Head is extremely proper to the Sense I have given this Picture; he feems Bold, Fierce, and Menacing.

The Miracle of Bolsenna in the Diocese of Ornieto, a City of Tuscany, follows next. This Picture is painted Over, and on each side of one of the Windows in this Room, and so is of the same Form as those in the other Rooms over like Windows, some of which have been already describ'd. The Story is, that in, or about the Year 1264. in the Pontisicate of Orban IV. a Priest celebrating Mass in the Church of St. Christina in Bolsenna having consecrated the Host, doubted of the Transub-

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stantiation, whereupon Blood spirted out of the Waser as he held it in his Hand, in Memory of which was instituted the Annual Feast

of Corpus Domini.

Over the Window is the Incredulous Priest performing the Sacred Office, and Convinc'd by the Miracle, with the Assistants, and Spectators There, and on One side; and on the Other is Pope Julius II, on his Knees with his Hands join'd, Devoutly intent upon the Sacrifice of the Mass, and attended by two Cardinals; and as many Prelates in like Devout Attitudes, together with several Officers of the

Holy See, all Portraits.

Raffaele has here taken the utmost Liberty allow'd to a Painter; I don't mean in inserting the Portraits of the Pope his Patron with those of other of his Cotemporaries, instead of Urban IV, &c. That (as has been observ'd more than once) is allowable enough: But in bringing in the Pope at all; for the History, at least Platina who is my Author, says no such thing: However it gives a Dignity to the Picture, which would have been too Plain had the Story been Nakedly related; and 'tis a Double Complement to the People Thus introduced, as being a Commemoration of Them to Posterity, and that with a Character of Faith, and Piety.

A late Anonymous French Author (but who is faid to be the Abbè de Bosse) in his Reflexions Critiques sur la Poesse, & sur la Peinture, speaking of this Picture upon occa-fion of the Colouring of Raffaele, (for this by

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the way is faid to be the best Colour'd of any of These) observes very Ingeniously upon the Different and Just Expressions to be seen here. The Priest, his Assistants, and the Swisses of the Pope as they are all mov'd, they are mov'd in Character; but I must take leave to say I think he has encheri upon the Pope. Writer, Part II. p. 46. fays, "Jules regarde " bien le miracle avec attention, mais il n'en " paroît pas beaucoup ému. Le Peintre " suppose qu'il fut trop persuadé de la pre-" sence réele, pour etre surpris des évene-" mens les plus miraculeux qui pussent arri-" ver sur une hostie consacrée. On ne sçau-" roit caracteriser le chef visible de l'Eglise, " introduit dans un semblable evenement par " une expression plus noble, & plus conve-" nable.

I hope this was not Raffaele's Thought. Surely the fame Expression that would have been proper at an Ordinary Mass, is not so on lo Extraordinary an Incident; nor is it inconfiftent with the Character of the Head of the Church to be greatly affected on fuch an I believe the Truth is, Raffaele Occasion. when he refolv'd to infert This Portrait took it from the Life as he saw it, without those Sentiments which the Pope would have had if he had feen fuch a Miracle, and either would not give himself the Trouble, or did not think it necessary to Invent suitable Expressions; or perhaps did not enough Confider it. have here faid is upon the Supposition that the Picture is as this Author has represented

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Attila King of the Huns having ravag'd great part of Italy, with vast Cruelty was on his way to Rome in the time of Valentinian the Emperor, Leo the Great, call'd also St. Leo, being then Bishop of Rome, about the middle of the the fifth Century. To stop his March, the Diffress'd Emperor could think of no better Expedient than to fend the Pope, Ecclesiaftically attended; He by the Awful Sanctity of his Appearance, by his Prayers to God, or his Rhetorick with the Enemy, was to try to do That which the Dejected Prince could not hope to do by Arms. They met; and whilst the Pope was Speaking, the Barbarous King was terrified by the Apparition of two Horse-men (suppos'd to be St. Peter and St. Paul fays Platina) who with drawn Swords in their Hands threaten'd Death to him if he obey'd not the Pontiff: Thus terrified he defifted from his intended Enterprize, and march'd into Pannonia.

This Story is the Subject of the Picture on the fide of the Room opposite to the Heliodorus, and is admirably told by Raffaele. He has made the two Apostles in the Air threatning the King, not Furiously, but with great Dignity, and as Commanding, and being Assured of Regard. They are not Horse-men as the Story is; Such Figures, unless in Little, would have clogg'd, and embarass'd the Picture too much; and if in Little, they would not have had the Noble Appearance they now

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To express the Ravages of these Barbarous Invaders, a Town on Fire is far in the Lontanezza on that Side they are on, and from

whence they feem to have march'd.

There is a Print which I believe was done from a former Design of this Story, for 'tis very nearly the same, except on that Side where is the Pope, and His People; and which I take notice of chiefly to shew how much better the Picture is Thought than this Design was: For Here the Pope appears coming at a great distance; consequently the Figures are very Small, and seem less considerable than the part they have in the Story requires. Those Figures moreover that are in That side of the Picture, and which are of the Army of Attila, see

fee the Apparition above, or feem as if they did, whereby a Material Circumstance of the

Story is loft.

It remains that I give an account of the other large Work in this Apartment. 'Tis the Story of the Delivery of St. Peter out of Prifon, and alludes to that of Leo X. who was made Prifoner (being then Cardinal Legate) at the Battel of Ravenna, but escap'd by Flight that very Day Twelve-month on which he was advanc'd to the Papacy.

This Picture being much spoken of upon account of the Particularity, and Variety of its Lights, I shall consider That Circumstance as Largely as I think the Nature of it will require, and must therefore be the more Exact

in the Description of the Picture it self.

'Tis over a Window, and (as the rest of those in these Apartments that are so) of an Odd Shape; what That is has been faid heretofore. Over this Window is the Prison, which does not appear to confift of any more than One Room, the Walls of which are very thick, and continue the Perpendicular Line of the Window 'till they end in an Arch a-top, very near the greater Arch of the Out-line of the Picture; which Room is feen into through a large Iron Grate, which reaches from Side to Side, and from the Top to the Bottom. Walls I fpoke of stand upon about half a dozen Steps, which however are only feen on each fide of the Window, That going fomething higher than those Steps.

In this Picture are two several distinct Actions, St. Peter is in the Prison Sitting, and almost Lying on the Ground, with two Soldiers Standing on each side of him; the Angel seems to awaken, and invite him forth, Four Soldiers are on the Outside, on the Steps on the Lest-hand as you look on the Picture, Two of them see the Apparition in the Prison, and are frighted; One wakes another Soldier, the fourth Sleeps yet. On the Other side, the Apostle is with the Angel escap'd from the Prison, and on the top of the Steps; on which Two other Soldiers are assept.

This Second Action, though not the most conspicuous, is I think the Finest; the Angel and Apostle have a vast Grace, and Dignity, which in the Prison they have not, especially the St. Peter, who looks too like a Common

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I will not take upon me to fay whether All these Lights, and the Reslexions throughout are duly plac'd of an exact Strength, and with their just Tincts; of which there must be a great, and beautiful Variety: But admitting them to be fo, (as we have the Judgment of Raffaele, and the General Approbation to justify such a Presumption) This is incontestably the Finest Night-Piece in the World, I mean confider'd merely as Such. In the Famous Nativity of Correggio the Light from the Bambino is marvelloufly Bright, and finely Diffus'd, and indeed many of the Flemish Masters, particularly Rembrandt have gone as far as Art could go in the Fine, and Surprizing Management of Lights; but I never remember to have feen fuch an Amazing Effect from the Principal one, together with fuch a Variety of Others, as Here. Those great Masters owe their Fame in this Particular chiefly to the Unity of Light, furrounded by Darkness; Here all is Night, but all Shines; with fuch a due Subordination however, that One does not hurt Another, or torment the Eye in the least, which at ease can consider the Whole, and every Part; and not at Ease only, but with Delight.

Had Raffaele done This only to show his Art in the Management of the Clair-Obscure, had it been a pure Jeu d'Esprit, in Painting it had been much less considerable; but This moreover contributes vastly to the Expression, That sierce Flash of Light given by the Angel

Angel in the Centre of the Picture, together with the Horror of a Prison strikes forcibly upon the Imagination: The Iron Grate thro' which those Figures appear is plac'd there very Artfully, it immediately gives you the Idea of a Jail, and those Dark Lines cutting the Brightness behind into so many small parts gives a Flickering, and a Dazzle that nothing Else could possibly have done. And though it must be confess'd the Angel with the Apoftle Deliver'd breaks the Unity of the Action, yet one cannot wish this Picture was without this Fault; it is Enrich'd by it, and you have one of the Finest Pictures in the World of two Figures as it were flung into a spare Corner of This; for these two Figures are exquisite: Nor are they without their farther Use; the Mind is fomething reliev'd from the Concern 'tis in upon feeing the Abject Condition of the Apoftle in Chains: Here he is feen as we should Wish him; at Liberty, and under the Conduct, and Protection of his Heavenly Guide.

I have nothing farther to observe upon this Picture, but that Raffaele has painted the Angel as such Luminous Beings should be painted; and Bellori's Words are so fine, they are so much a better Description of this Figure than any I can give of my Own, that I will transcribe them: L'Angelico Spirito, in Lucida veste di gloria, scintillante da ogni canto, irradiando la prigione, rifulge, e traspare in se stesso composto di aria, e di luce

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In the Ceiling of this Room amongst feveral . Boys, little Stories, and Grotesque Ornaments, done by some of the Painters which wrought here before the coming of Raffaele, is painted by him four Scripture Stories corresponding to these larger Works on the Sides of the Room. Over the Heliodorus is God appearing to Moses in the Burning Bush, promising Deliverance to his People. Over the Attilais Noah faved from the Deluge. Over the Miracle of the Mass is the Sacrifice of Abraham: and Facob's Dream is over the Delivery of St. Peter. These are painted as so many pieces of Tapistry fix'd to the Ceiling, and are not inferior in Excellency to the other Pictures here.

The Four large Pictures of the next Chamber are the Justification of Leo III. and the Coronation of Charlemain by the same Pope; the Incendio di Borgo, or the Miraculous Extinguishing a Fire at Rome, and the Victory over the Sarazens at the Port of Ostia by Leo IV.

The Story of the first of these is, that this Leo, a most Excellent Man, being accused by Malicious Enemies of certain Crimes, Charlemaine then at Rome requir'd an Account from the Prelates, and Clergy, of the Life and Manners of the Pope; These insisted on the Privilege of the Church, as being accountable Only to God, but certainly not to Lay-men; yet Leo voluntarily purged himself by Oath in the Presence of the Emperor, and the whole Assembly. This happen'd in the Year 800.

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The true Taste of the Goodness of a Pi-Cure, as to the Invention, and Thought of it. is. Whether I have a better Idea of the Story from Thence, or from Reading it in a good Author: And I confess if I had read the Story before I faw the Picture, my Idea of it would have been Improv'd in Some Particulars; but as to the Main, and most Essential Parts, I should have suffer'd by it. The Zeal, Piety. Innocence, and Humility of the Good Pope; the Dignity of the Assembly, and the Effects of all these Circumstances upon the Minds of the People, are not So express'd in the Picture as to make me Better by the Sight of it, whatever Advantage I might receive from it upon other Accounts; for as it is of Raffaele, it is not without its Excellencies.

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Of the Picture of the Coronation of Charles the Great, I remember nothing particularly remarkable; the Subject is Magnificent, and

'tis painted by Raffaele.

Vafari mistakes these two Stories; he says they are of Francis I. of France, not of a Prince 700 Years before him. 'Tis probable he was led into this Error by the Portraits of several Men of Note of that time inserted in these Stories; but that is so Usual, as well Elsewhere as in These Apartments, that I mention it rather as part of the Description I am upon, than as an Excuse for that Author, who tho in many respects a very Valuable one, is not always to be rely'd on. The vast Variety, and

and Multiplicity of Matter he was engag'd in, will however in some measure excuse him, tho' what I just now mention'd will not.

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The Story of the next Picture is, that a Fire happening in Rome, and approaching the Vatican, was Miraculously Extinguish'd by the Pope (Leo IV.) by making the Sign of the

Cross, and giving his Benediction.

Raffaele has taken the Point of Time in which the Principal Action was perform'd, that of the Pope; the Happy, and Astonishing Confequence of which does not appear, nor could be known by the Picture it felf: And tho' This is as I faid the Principal Action, and St. Leo the Principal Figure; and next to This the Fire is the Main Circumstance of the Story, yet This Figure is at a great Distance, and consequently he, and the Groupe that appears with him at a Window of his Palace are very Small; nor is much of the Fire feen, Some is indeed on both Sides of the Picture: But Raffaele has very Judiciously made the Figure of the Saint Confiderable by many Others on the Fore-ground, and in the intermediate Space, addressing themselves towards Him, with great Faith, and Devotion, imploring his Assistance in this their Extremity; and the Calamity it felf is feen more by the Diftress of the People, Variously, and Finely express'd, than by the Flames themselves. In this Raffaele has follow'd the great Example of the Ancients, who fill'd their Work as little as possible with things Inanimate, but made out their Story by Human Figures where That could be done; tho'

tho' for the fake of That they took a liberty with Nature it self, making several People coming out of a House too little to hold One single Figure; and the like Seeming Absurdities. And this (as I have observ'd elsewhere) is a Sufficient, and the True Answer to the Objection every body makes to the Boat in the Carton at

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Another Rule Raffaele has observ'd in this Picture is, that he has avoided much of the Horror he might have given it. His goodnatur'd Genius delighted not in representing what would too much choque the Imagination. He has (as I faid) thewn little of the Fire; he has fix'd the time to be that of Reft, for the People are apparently frightned out of their Sleep, and run abroad half naked fome, and others wholly fo; but 'tis broad Day-light, and after Sun-rifing in the Morning. would have painted Horror he had a fine Occasion; he might have chosen the Darkness of the Night, and shewn the Pope at some Distance furrounded with Flames, and Smoak; from which Fire all the Light might have come, which would have had a Wonderful Effect, and made This Picture very different from all the rest in these Lodgings, which being Many that Variety was the more Necessary.

Here is indeed a difference from the Others; but 'tis a Good-natur'd one, and with that he has contented himself. He has shewn a great Variety of Humane Bodies; Men, Women, Children, Old, and Young, Robust, and Feeble; and in a great Variety of Attitudes, Va-

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riously Affected, and Employ'd; and all this so as to give a Compleat Idea of the Vastness of the Distress, and consequently of the Great.

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ness, and Importance of the Miracle.

Tho' it has been observ'd by Others, I must not omit One Circumstance artfully employ'd by Raffaele, and that is, To express how great this Fire was he has shewn there was a high Wind at that time; This appears by the Flying about of the Hair, and Drapery of the Figures; and besides the use of it already mention'd, it more animates the Picture; all appears in Motion, and in a Hurry.

The Naval Victory of the same Pope (S. Leo IV.) over the Saracens at the Port of Office is the Only Picture in this Room remaining to

be spoken to.

That here must be a Navy, and Sea Port, the Pope attended by his Ecclefiasticks, and Prisoners brought by his Soldiers a Painter of Less Invention than Raffaele would have found; tho' none but he could have executed This as he has done; But to distinguish Such a Picture from what might Ordinarily be made, a Further Thought is necessary: The Character of that Pope, remarkable for his Piety, and Clemency; and the Greatnessand Importance of the Victory ought also to be Express'd, and So as to Touch the Beholder strongly, and inspire him with such Sentiments as would arise upon reading a Well-written History, or Poem on the Subject. good Pontiffe is with Hands, and Eyes lifted up to Heaven, Adoring, and Praising God for his s fo

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his Goodness in Delivering Him, and his People from his Cruel, and Barbarous Invaders. His Clemency does not appear unless it be inferr'd from his Piety; Prisoners are brought Naked, and Abject before him, of whom he takes no notice feeming intent upon his Devotion: Nor do the Sarazens appear to have been very Terrible Enemies: Those Diabolical Passions naturally arising in the Minds of Savage, and Barbarous Men in fuch a Circumstance as this; That Unconquerable Malice, Implacable Hatred, Innate Cruelty, and that Rage, and defire of Revenge which being Expres'd, would have given a Lustre to the Vidory, and made a fine Contrast with the Airs of Devotion in Some, and of Triumph in the Other Christians; These I think are not so pronounc'd as they ought; But Raffaele had no fuch Passions himself, and was better qualify'd, and dispos'd to express those of Another kind.

As in a History, or Poem, the Goodness of the Language, and the sweet Cadency, and Sonorousness of the Verse will not be sufficient if the Characters be not Just, Proper, and and Firmly pronounc'd, and the Story set in the most advantageous Light; So the Great Style of Painting, Beautiful Colouring, True Drawing, and a Free, Bold, or Delicate Pencil make a poor amends for the want of such an Essential, and Fundamental Quality of a Good Picture, as the Fine, and Just Thought. It may be Good in those Lesser Respects, but R 2

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If a Writer had faid a fmall Company of Half Starv'd, Beggarly Rovers had invaded I. taly; and having been Oppos'd, and Conquer'd by a Strong, Well-disciplin'd, and Numerous Army, the Pope return'd God Thanks: Such a Story, tho' told in Language the Fine one can conceive, would make little Impression on the Mind of the Reader; he would fee no thing in it worth relating; he would not imagine the Devotion of the Pope was very Fervent on Such an Occasion; the Whole would appear very Languid: and if moreover helad Otherwise learn'd there was Other Material Circumstances in the Story, or that the Affair was much more Confiderable than it was Represented, Such a Writer would be justly Blam'd, how well Qualified foever he was 0 therwife.

I don't fay that All this is Exactly the Call of the Picture of the Pope at Offia; How far it is fo, those that shall see it hereafter may

be pleas'd to consider.

What Time Raffaele spent upon this last Chamber does not appear; that he finish'd the Second in 1514 has been said, and he died in 1520; but he only made Designs for, and just Began to paint in the Hall of Constanting, which was perfected several Years after the Death of Raffaele by Julio Romano, and Gin Francesco Penni in the Pontisicate of Chement VII. So that this Hall is not properly

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of Raffaele: He made the Drawings indeed for Some, if not for All of the Pictures here; but they were not Intirely follow'd in the Execution, partly because in Those he had not descended to many Particulars necessary to be consider'd in a Finish'd Picture, and partly from a Liberty that Those took that Painted them.

The Hall of Constantine has That part of his History one would expect to find there: The four Great Pictures are the Celestial Vision, the Battel, his Baptism, and the Donation.

In the First, Constantine is making an Oration to his Soldiers; the Crofs appearing in the Clouds, with the famous Words EN TOY-TΩ NIKA. Of this Groupe Monsieur Flinck of Rotterdam has the Drawing, and which is that which was fold for 100 l. at Sir Peter Lely's Sale; I have spoke of it in its place. Giulio has added what is in the Clouds, and some less considerable Figures, particularly a Dwarf in one Corner of the Picture, who is with both his Hands putting on a rich Helmet. This is a Ritratto of one well known Then in the Court of Rome, and most Exquisitely Painted; but I had rather have feen fuch a Ludicrous Figure in a Picture whose Subject was of less Dignity, and Seriousness.

The Battel takes up the Side of the Room over-against the Windows. This Picture is something above thirty four Foot long, and sisteen Foot high, and the Bottom of it is near as many from the Floor. 'Tis Black, and Hard,

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and without Great Masses in the Clair-Obscure, so that the Tout-ensemble is Unpleasant, and Confused. This Bellori says Poussin
thought to be a Beauty in This Case; and its
certain that these Properties help to express
the Hurry, and Tintamarre of a Battel, and to
raise a fort of Disturbance in the Mind which
should not be in Repose when its employ'd
on a like Subject. But whether that Disturbance should arise from such want of Harmony, or rather Purely from the Incidents, and
Expressions in the Picture, is worth consi-

dering.

Not to mention an Infinity of fine Attitudes of Men, and Horses, what is peculiar to This Picture is admirably express'd. That 'tis a Victory, by the Affistance of Heaven, the Conqueror a Christian, the Enemy not So, and Drown'd in a River, All this is Wifely shown, and very Beautifully: As for the Circumstance of the Bridge breaking, whether by Accident, according to Some Historians, or as Otherslay that'twas contriv'd by Maxentius that it should Break, tho' design'd by Him for the Destruction of Constantine, This no notice is taken of in the Picture; Maxentius is in the River, but whe ther he plung'd in, flying from the Conqueror, or tumbled off of the Bridge, is not feen: His Diffress, and Fear is Admirably shewn, notonly by the Air of his Head, (which also expresfes an Absence of Piety, and Virtue,) and his whole Attitude, but he endeavours to gain the Shore, tho' he runs directly into the Danger he fled from, for he attempts to fave himlelf OI Ob-

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on that fide where his Enemies are in Crowds persuing, and ready to destroy him. Thus in This fingle Figure is finely drawn the Charater of a Wicked, Mean-spirited Wretch, Confounded, Abandon'd by Heaven, and Earth, and knowing himfelf to be fo, and on the Brink of utter Perdition. The contrary Character is feen in Constantine, and Exquisitely Express'd, particularly by three Angels hovering over him, and Combating for him; nor is any thing wanting in his Own Air, and Attitude, and in all about him to complete this Lovely Character. And to shew this was a Civil War, 'twas not thought enough to make every where the fame Habits, and Arms; but a Father is taking up his Son flain in the Battel, and expressing Paternal Sentiments, which as none but a Father can Feel, none but a Father This Incident is can fufficiently Conceive. upon the Fore-Ground, very conspicuous, and finely imagin'd.

This Picture is indisputably the Foremost in the World in its Kind; when I am considering It, all Lesser Names of Battel-Painters appear Little indeed; and I imagine my self reading a Description of a Battel in Homer. The Drawing of it, and which is the most Capital one I believe in the World, I have said to be in the Magnificent Collection of Mr. Crozat.

The Baptism of Constantine, helps to make a fine Variety in these Works, and Contrasts admirably well with that last describ'd: There we see a great Emperor encompass'd with Victorious Troops, and in the height of Worldly Glo-

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ry: Here humbly lifting himself a Soldierunder the Banner of the Cross; Naked, Kneeling, and with a Meek Aspect receiving the Sign of Regeneration from the Hands of a Priest.

Constantine making a Present of the City of Rome to the Pope is painted over the Chimney, which is between the two Windows of

this Hall, and opposite to the Battel.

This Donation being a fort of Magna Charta of the See of Rome, and the Story it self very Obscure, as being rather Traditional than Historical, and even at the time these Works were done Derided, Exploded, or Suspected, according as Mens Opinions happen'd to be concerning it, One would imagine that when it was to be told in This Manner, in This Place, and so declared to all the World, and transmitted to Posterity, a more particular Care would have been taken by those that had the Direction of this Affair.

Now the Story is told Here in this manner:

The Pope sits in a Magnissicent Church, on a Seat advanc'd sour Steps from the Pavement, and under a Canopy: The Emperor kneeling on one Knee on the next Step below the Pope, One Hand is on his Breast, with the Other he Offers a little Image representing Rome, which the Pope receives, and at the same time gives his Benediction; behind the Emperor kneel two Figures which seem to be Ecclesissiticks, behind those are two Lay-men Kneeling also, which probably are Officers of the City. The Emperor has a few Halberdiers, and the Pope three or sour Ecclesiasticks attending; the

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ng; the the rest of the Figures are chiefly People of no Distinction, Men, Women, and Children, a Lame Beggar, a Boy astride on a Dog, &c. and at a great distance at a Hole very high over the Altar appear several Musicians; These must be on the Out-side of the Church, and so far off as their Musick could give no great Pleasure, or Disturbance to the Company.

One might have imagin'd the Emperor should have been seated on his Throne with all the Ensigns of Royalty, and the Pope humbly receiving the Gift on his Knees. But if the Emperor was so Pious, and Meek, as to divest himself of his Majesty in the Presence of the Vicar of Christ, I can't see why those who had the Conduct of this Story should represent this great Transaction as done with so little Dignity, in the Presence of sew other than Mob, and not without something Ludicrous, or Trissing; This debases the Story, and the Picture too.

And to make it still worse, some of the Habits are Modern, and Gothick, as particularly those of the Emperors Guards. The Military Habit was not much chang'd in Constantine's time from what it had been in the precedent Ages: But Here instead of the Roman Labels we see slash'd Breeches, and the rest of the Dress accordingly. The Robe of Constantine himself is indeed agreeable to the Civil Habit of that time, and the Pope's Mitre on his Head was probably put on with a View to the History, which says, when the Emperor presented him with a Rich Diadem he resused to wear

it, contenting himself with a plain Mitre on-

ly, as most fuitable to his Character.

My Father has a Drawing of this whole Picture by Battista Franço, as he has Others of many Parts of the Works in these Rooms, several of them by Raffaele Himself. There are also Prints of most of them; I am told there is a complete Set of such in Hand at Rome, and

near Finish'd.

Thus I have gone through all the Principal Pictures in these famous Apartments, remarking in particular on the Invention in each of them; the Expression, Composition, Drawing, Colouring, Painting, and those indispenfable Properties in a Picture, Grace and Greatness, I spoke to in General, before I went into the Detail of these Works; as I also did of the Leffer Paintings here, whether Histories, or Ornaments, and of which I noted there are a great number: To have dwelt upon every one of these severally; or even to have mention'd them Catalogue-wife would have been Tedious (I believe) to a Reader; to Me it would have been Infufferably fo, Excellent as they are; or even to have been more Particular in the Large ones. By what I have done however it will be eafy to form an Idea of these Noble Apartments.

I will add that they have the Greatest Collection of the Works of the Greatest Painter in the World; but withal that they are not Altogether what one would naturally expect from the great Fame they have, and the Name they are Adorn'd with. Raffaele is seen Here in-

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deed, but not So as to give a Just Idea of his Merit; nor do I believe That can be fully seen in any One Picture, or even in any One Palace, or Collection: But I believe there is a Palace where one may receive a Higher, a Juster, and a more Complete Idea of him than Here, or any where Else, and that is Hampton-Court.

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The only Places besides these Two now in competition, where any Quantity of his Works are feen, or reputed to be fo, are the Gallery in the Vatican, where is painted what is call'd the Bible of Raffaele; the Longara, or Little Farnese, which has the Story of Cupid and Psyche, with the Picture of the Galatea; and the Church of the Pace, where are the Sibyls, and the Prophets; the First of these tho' Defign'd, is not Painted by Raffaele; the Second has very little of his Hand, and the whole is now in a manner loft, and spoil'd; and the Other is in a very Ill condition; and though it was as well preferv'd as either those in these Lodgings, or those at Hampton-Court, there could have been no Competition; the Subject, and especially the Number of Pictures, being by no means Equal.

There are two Single Pictures, in One, or Both of which Some may imagine may be found the Utmost Merit of Raffaele: These are the Holy Family, the Glory of the Royal Collection of France, and the Transsiguration of San Piero in Montorio. They are both in Oil, highly Finish'd, and of great Force; And These Advantages they have indeed over those

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Other Works of him I have mention'd: But These are not what are the Characteristicks of Raffaele; in These he is not the Great Man: for Others have been much Superior to Him in the managing of Oil Colours, in Finishing, and in Force: Nor are These Properties in a Picture at all confiderable, compar'd with those Other which Distinguish'd Him; and which only make Painting worthy our Esteem, and Admiration. And as for Those, the Thought, the Expression, the Grace, and Dignity, nothing in These two Pictures, not even the Best of them, and when it was in its Perfection, is beyond what is feen in the Apartments I have defcrib'd, or at Hampton-Court. That there can be that Variety, and confequently that Raffaele can be fo Fully feen, in Either, or Both of these Pictures, as even in One of those Collections will hardly be Suppos'd.

Let us then compare Those. And here it must be first of all consider'd, that of the sixteen Capital Pictures of the Vatican, the four in the Hall of Constantine must not be put into the Account, as being not of Raffaele, nor so much as conducted by him; nor is it known how much of them are even of his Designing. The Lesser Pictures, and Ornaments must also be set aside as being for the most part Executed, and some even Design'd by Other Hands. Besides being in Chiaro Scuro, only they are properly not Pictures, but a fort of Drawings. And as for those that are of Raffaele, they are too sew and inconsiderable to weigh much in presence of the Greater Works.

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There remains then but twelve Pictures to compare with the feven at Hampton-Court. Four of these are not Histories, but Allegorical Pictures, reprefenting as many Sciences; which admitting them to be as free from Faults as you pleafe, and to have all the Beauties their Subjects are Capable of, have the Difadvantage of being Incapable of that Force, and Energy of Thought, and Expression, as in fuch Histories as those at Hampton-Court. The other Eight are indeed Historical: but Generally speaking they are not Subjects of that Dignity as Those, nor consequently where Raffaele could possibly exert his Great, and Peculiar Talents to the Full, as is done in the Seven Pictures of this Noble Gallery.

And as the Subjects of the Pictures in the Vatican are not in Themselves so Advantagious to a Painter as those Other, They are moreover such as Raffaele was not so well Qualify'd for as Those, in which Learning was not so Necessary, but that Fine way of Thinking, and Strong, and Lively Imagination, in which he was so Eminently distinguish'd.

I am now arguing upon the Supposition of an Equality as to the Painter's part, and supposing Raffaele had been as much Raffaele in these Works as in the Cartons, which I deny. Those Latter are Better Painted, Colour'd, and Drawn; the Composition is Better, the Airs of the Head are more Exquisitely fine; there is more Grace, and Greatness spread throughout; in short they are Better Pictures, judging of them only as they are commonly judg'dos,

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and without taking the Thought and Invention into the Account. For this I must appeal to the Pictures themselves Finally: But what I Now advance will appear Probable, and something More than barely So, by only considering that Those We have were painted Long After the Principal Ones in the Vatican, that is, Those in the Chamber of the Signature; and after Most, if not All the rest; They were painted towards the Close of Raffaele's Short Life, which was his Best Time. This will have the greater Weight with Those who know what Improvements he made as he advanc'd in Years, in which he was particularly remarkable.

It will be of no Consequence to say that Those which I prefer were made for Tapestries only, and that the Manner of Painting is adapted to the Purpose, that is, 'tis Slight, and not much Finish'd: For tho' This is True, it gives them no Disadvantage, compar'd with the Other which are not More Finish'd; Nor would it if they Were; since the Beauty of Raffaele's Painting does not consist in That; as 'tis a very Inconsiderable Circumstance in it felf, and rather furnishes us with a Presumption to the Prejudice of a Picture, than in Favour of it.

But there is a Much more Material Circumftance remains yet to be spoken to in relation to the present Competition: The Pictures at Hampton-Court, (bating some very sew Exceptions) are perfectly well Thought: Such Ideas are convey'd to our Minds, the Stories

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are so told, as tho' we had Read, and Consider'd'em a thousand times, we might go from these Pictures with Clearer, and Nobler Conceptions of those great Actions than ever we had before; not from any Desect in the Divine Writers, but because they are Writers, and because Words cannot convey such Ideas as Such a Pencil can. How those in the Vatican are in This Particular, and especially some of the Principal ones has been observed in this Discourse.

And to make the Difference still the greater 'tis further to be observ'd That if a Picture is fo fix'd as to be Immoveable, as if 'tis painted on a Wall, or a Ceiling, 'tis fuch as it appears There, be it what it will in it felf; If 'tis infeparably accompany'd with what is difadvantageous to it, 'tis Such as it is in That Circumstance whatever it might have been Other-The Melancholy Air of the Vatican, the Darkness of the Room, and the terribly Difadvantageous position of Some of the Pictures (which has been noted heretofore) makes great Abatements in the Excellency of these Works; and the multitude of Little Pictures, and Ornaments painted about, and under the Capital ones is no inconsiderable addition to these Abatements, as embarassing the Eye, and drawing it off from attending to Those: Whereas at Hampton-Court all is just the contrary, all is Riant, all the Pictures are feenWell, and accompany'd to their Advantage Only; All is Perfection! Such Perfection as what is Humane is capable of.

If therefore in the Pictures at Hampton-Court, the Subjects themselves, the Turngiven to them by the Painter, and the other Properties of a good Picture are preserable to those in the Vatican; Raffaele is better seen There than in the Vatican.

From whence, and from what has been said concerning the Other most Celebrated Works of this Great Master it will follow that he is Better seen at Hampton-Court than any where Else: That is, that There is the Utmost Perfection of the Art of Painting Now in the World, and probably the Utmost that ever Has been.

I know what a Difadvantage I am under in giving the Preference as I do; but I think I am supported by Reason, and Demonstration. What has been faid of those in the Vatican, may be compared with what my Father has remark'd (tho' occasionally) upon the Cartons in his Theory of Painting: But finally I appeal to the Pictures themselves, tho' under different Prejudices; Some of them are in Italy, and have been famous upwards of 200 Years; the Others are in England, and were bury'd in Obscurity, almost Unheard of, Unthought of till after the Revolution; Which Circumstances, tho' they have not the least weight in the Merit of the Caufe, will certainly have a great deal with a Majority of those that will pretend to Judge. Let fuch only be pleas'd to imagine the Cartons had remain'd always at Rome, and fix'd in some of the Principal Apartments of the Vatican; would they not have been then confider'd as the Last, and Best Works

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Works of Raffaele, and Celebrated accordingly? Certainly they would. Of which (befides the Evidence arifing upon their Intrinfick
Excellence, and the Confession of All, even Italians Themselves that I have discours'd with
on the Subject) the great regard which is there
had even to the Tapestries made from them,
is a fort of Demonstration.

After having faid Thus much of the Works of Raffaele, I will lay hold of the Occasion, and infert Some Particulars relating to that Great Man, which either have not been yet made Publick, or are very little Known.

Mr. Hugh Howard has been so kind as to communicate to me a Letter, which Himself Copy'd from the Original then in the Hands of Cardinal Albani, since Pope: Carlo Marattihad Another Copy granted Him at the same time. The Letter was written by Raffaele to an Uncle of his Simone di Battista di Ciarla in Urbin, and was so much Esteem'd by the Cardinal, that he said he valu'd it Equally with those he receiv'd from the Greatest Princes. If it had not been for some Engagements Mr. Howard is under, the Publick would Now have had the Whole: However I am permitted to give an Extract from it.

Besides Civilities, Excuses for his Own not Writing, with Handsome Reproaches to his Uncle, for his Desiciency in That Matter, the Business of the Letter relates to his Marriage, and the Circumstances he was in Otherwise.

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He thanks God he was yet Single, and believes Himfelf more in the Right in Refusing the Offers he had had, than his Uncle in Advising him to Marry. But goes on however with saying, that "Sancta Maria in Portico had profer'd him a Relation of His, who he had promis'd to take, with the Consent of his Uncle to whom he writes, and Another Uncle, a Priest. He speaks also of Other Proposals of This kind that were then upon the Tapis.

As to the Other Branch of the Letter, he fays his Personal Estate in Rome amounts to \$3000 Ducats of Gold: That he has moreover \$50 Crowns of Gold per Ann. as Architect of St. Peters, and a Yearly Pension for Life of \$300 Ducats of Gold; besides being paid his Own Price for what he does: And that he had just began another Room for the Pope, for which he should have \$1200 Ducats of Gold. After all which he says, "Si che Camparenti & alla patria, mà non resta che sempre non ui habbia in mezzo al chore, e quando ui sento nominare, che non mi para di sentir nominare un mio Patre.

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He fays he is in Bramante's Place; that the Church of St. Peter's would cost more than a h Million of Gold; that the Pope had appointed to expendabove 60000 Ducats a Year upon it, and thought of nothing else: That he had join'd with him Fra. Giocondo, (a very Knowing Man, and above Fourscore Years old) as his Assistant; and that he, who could not live long, might communicate to Him what Secrets in Architecture he had, that he might be Persect in that Art. And that the Pope sent every Day for them, and talk'd with them a great while on this Assair of St. Peters.

He concludes with Salutations; but first says, "Vi prego uoi noliate andare al Duca," e alla Duchessa, e dirle questo che sò lo haueranno charo à sentire che un loro "Ser" li farei honore, e raccomandatemi à

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Dated 1 July 1514, and Sign'd El uostro Raffael Pittore in Roma.

Fragmentum epistolæ Cœlii Calcagnini ad Jac. Zieglerum.

Est Fabius Rhavennas senex Stoicæ probitatis, quem virum non facilè dixeris, hu-

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N.B. In reducing the Roman Money of That time to its Value in Ours, I have had the Assistance of Mr. Hayms; and the Authority of Varchi in his History of Florence Printed within these sew Years. Every one knows how Considerable These Sums were in Those Days, how Little soever they may seem at Present.

maniorne sit, an doctior - Hunc alit, & quasi educat vir prædives & Pontifici gratissimus Raphael Urbinas, juvenis summa bonitatis, sed admirabilis ingenii. Hic magnis excellit virtutibus, facile Pictorum omnium princeps, seu in theoricen, seu praxin inspicias. Architectus verò tanta industria, ut ea inveniat ac perficiat, que solertissima ingenia sieri posse desperarunt. Prætermitto Vitruvium, quem ille non enarrat solum, sed certissimis rationibus aut defendit, aut accusat; tam lepide, ut omnis livor absit ab accusatione. Nunc verò opus admirabile as posteritati incredibile exequitur (nec mihi nunc de Basilicà Vaticanà cujus architecture præfettus est verba facienda puto) sed ipsam plane urbem in antiquam faciem & amplitudinem ac symmetriam instauratam magna parte ostendit. Nam & montibus altissimis & fundamentis profundissimis excavatis, reque ad scriptorum veterum descriptionem ac rationem revocata, ita Leonem Pont. ita omnes Quirites in admirationem erexit, ut quasi cœlitùs demissum numen ad æternam Urbem in pristinam Majestatem reparandam omnes homines suspiciant. Quare tantum abest ut cristas erigat, ut multo magis se omnibus obvium & familiarem ultrò reddat, nullius admonitionem aut colloquium refugiens. Hie Fabium quasi praceptorem & patrem colit ac fovet, ad hum omnia refert, bujus consilio acquiescit.

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I will add an Epitaph, in which tho' (as in that well-known one by Cardinal Bembo) the Thought is not Right, there are Beauties that will make it acceptable to the Publick. Had Raffaele's Chief Character been as these Writers supposed, and the mere Imitation of Nature had been the great Business of a Painter. Other Names had fill'dour Lists of Great Men: Some other who Now is little regarded would have stood in the place of Raffaele, and He lost in the Crowd.

Raphaelis Urbinatis Pictoris eximii tumulus. Ipfe loquitur.

Sic meanaturam manus est imitata, videri Posset ut ipsameas esse imitatamanus. Sapèmeis tabulis ipsa est delusa, suumque Credidit esse, mea quod fuit artis opus. Miraris, dubitasque audito nomine credes.

/ Sum Raphael, heimi, quid loquor? immo fui. Et tamen his dictis, quid opus fuit addere nomen?

Alterutrum poterat cuilibet esse satis.
Nammea & audito est notissima nomine virtus,
Et præstare vicem nominis ipsa potest.
M. Ant. Muretus.

As the Principal Thoughts in this Epitaph may lie in a Narrower Compass, I have attempted it in English.

My Hand has imitated Nature so As Hers from MineHer self can hardly know. You Doubt: Know then I Raffaele am—Alas. Raffaele is now no more, I Raffaele was.

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The Prolixity of this Latin Epitaph puts me in mind of One I saw in some Church at Rome as remarkable for its Conciseness, as well as its Beauty. Besides the Name, and Date is only

Vir Probus.

I will only add one more now I am upon Epitaphs; 'twas made by a Friend of mine for Himfelf.

Quiet, see where the Busy Man is laid; No Tears, no Sighs, the Debt of Nature's paid; Remember me, and let your Thoughts be Kind, I leave no Spot of Infamy behind.

In an Open Gallery in the Vatican

Raffaele.

Are the Pictures fo well known by the Name of Raffaele's Bible; they are painted in Fresco on the Ceiling; the Figures are about two Foot long; the Length of the Pictures, which is about five or fix Foot with the Grotesques, and other Ornaments round them is the Breadth of the Ceiling. They are very well preferv'd, and look very Gay, and Pleafant, having an Advantage which (as I have faid) those in the Lodgings have not, they have Light enough: The Designs were undoubtedly given by Raffaele, but they are all Executed by his Disciples, unless as is commonly faid the Eve is painted by himself. 'Tis certain That Figure is exceeding Fine, and the Out-line of it is esteem'd as equal to any of the Antique, and fam'd as one of the Best of

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any painted Figure in Rome. My Father has two of the Cartons for this Work; that of the Death of Goliah, and the Fall of the Walls of Jericho, they are by Pierino, who probably made them from Slight Drawings given him

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In the fide of this Gallery all along are many Doors into the Lodgings, over which Doors are the Names of Popes; feveral have those of Julius II. Leo X. Clement VII. Between every Door are Grotesques, and little Figures, Gio. da Udine. exceeding pretty, and as fine as any of that kind in the Vatican, or Elsewhere.

In the Velvet Chamber where the Pope us'd to give Audience is

A Madonna painted in Fresco. Admirable! Raffaele. No other Picture.

In another Chamber.

The Carton of the Lower part of the Trans-Ditto. figuration; 'tis in Black Chalk, exactly the same manner as a Carton my Father has of a Boy, &c. It has been trac'd off, the Marks of it are very evident.

In the fame Chamber are two other Car-Dominichin. tons much in the fame manner, one of Domi-

nichin, and the other of Carlo Maratti.

The Cupola of the Church of Sancti Apofloli in the Piazza of that Name was painted by Melozzo da Forli, in which was a Hea-Melozzo da ven, and God the Father furrounded by Angels, and the Apostles underneath. In resitting this Church This Work was demolish'd, but so

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that much of it was fav'd. That part where is the God, and Angels, is plac'd at the top of the Stairs going up to the Apartments of Monte Cavallo, and the Heads of several of the Apostles are in the Vatican in the Rooms beyond those of Raffaele, (of part of which Pictures my Father has the Drawing.) Cav. Lutti, who saw the Cupola before it was destroy'd, assur'd me there were several of the Attitudes of the Apostles the same as those of the Cupola of Parma, and the Work was Fore-shorten'd; Certainly the Padre Eterno is so.

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In the Vatican Library.

Incerto.

An Officio, with several Histories of the Madonna in Miniature, done before the time of Raffaele, the Name is not known. Carlo Marat particularly admir'd the Airs of the Virgin throughout; and study'd much after them, having a certain Simplicity, and Divine Beauty Superior to any other, even Raffaele himself. The Work in other respects is Well, only Hard, and Stiff.

Virgil. In the Story of Orpheus and Eurydice the Crowd of Figures in the Cave is Retouch'd with a Pen much more Modern.

Scylla lying in the Sea under a Grotto is but a Fragment, above Half is torn off. In that where Ascanius is asleep before the Temple, Venus fitting, and a Cupid, the Names are written over; Cytherea, Cupido, &c.

P. Sancta Bartoli has taken greater Liberties Here than in his Other Things. One would imagine the Pictures to be of the Best Antique

by feeing his Prints of this Book, whereas they are altogether Gothic; and in feveral places fo defac'd, that he was oblig'd often to guess at the Standing of the Figures, and always the Drapery is his Own. The Colouring of them is Vile, and the Drawing Gross, and Careless.

The Title is, Virgilii Fragmenta que 1°. 70. Toviani Pontani fuerant postea Pet. Bembi Card. deinde Fulvii Vrsini. Vid. ejusd.

Fulvii lib. inventarum fol. 25.

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This Manuscript is faid to be about 1400 Years old, and has feveral Errors. As in the third Eclogue, FORMONSUM for Formosum. 'Tis writ in the Character and Size of this Word.

There are two Books in this part of the Li- Don Jul. Clabrary that were of the Dukes of Urbin; One vio. of the Life of Franc. Maria di Montrefeltro della Rouere IIII. D. d'Urbino. The other of Gironimo Mutio Giustinopolitano de fatti di Fed. di Montifeltro D. d'Urbino. Each of These has three Histories in Miniature of Don Giulio Clovio finely Drawn, and of a most Beautiful Colouring, but upon a Tinct pretty Gaudy, and wanting Simplicity. They are all faid to have been Retouch'd by Padre Padre Ramel-Ramelli. Certainly they are of a quite diffe- li. rent Colouring, and Manner from those (with Frames, and Glasses) at Florence in the Cabinet of Madama, and in the Studiolo; and one in Parma, in the Cabinet by the Gallery, all which have never been Retouch'd. But the Misfall of the same Cabinet is infinitely above them all for Drawing, Colouring, and Ornaments,

ments, and was made by him for the Cardinal Farnese, as appears by the Inscription at the end of his Own Writing, and has continu'd in the Family ever since.

In these two Books of the D. D. of *Urbin* there are their Portraits often repeated, and always exactly the same Likeness, and Fine

Airs.

The Dante of the D. of Urbin (which is the most Beautiful Manuscript I ever saw, upon Vellum, large Folio) has an Infinite Number of Miniatures, by different Hands, and All Fine: There are many of Don Giulio Clovio, or at least of the same as did those in the two Lives. But there are others that pleas'd me better, particularly those by Pietro Perugino, as they say, and very Probably if he ever did in Miniature: They are of a Fine Raffaele-like Taste, and perfectly agree with the Best things of Perugino.

P. Perugino.

D. Giulio Clo-

In this Library are two or three Missalls, said to be of Don Giulio Clovio, but apparently very Different from any of him that I have met withal elsewhere.

Capella Sistina.

This Chapel was built by Sixtus IV. who came to the Chair Anno 1474, the Year in which Mich. Angelo was born; 'Tis a very spacious one, and is so in the Length, and Height, rather than in the Width: Rarely us'd, but then the Pope, and all the Cardinals, and Court of Rome, appear there in great Magniscence. The Ceiling is flat in the Middle, but

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but turns off as an Archtoward the Sides: On this Ceiling at the upper end, for about Half the length of the Chapel (as I remember) are painted feveral Histories, and on the Turnings off are the Prophets, and Sibyls, &c. of Mich. Angelo, fo well known by the Prints, and fo much celebrated by the Writers of that time. But what is the most So of all this great Man's Works of Painting, is the Last Judgment. This is over the Altar, and confequently at the upper end of the Chapel, and just opposite to the great Door, fo that it strikes your Eye as foon as you enter. It fills all that end, for it reaches from the top down to about the height of a Man from the Ground; 'tis therefore vastly large, and 'tis well enough preserv'd, as are the Sibyls, and Prophets: But for the Histories painted at the top of all I could not well judge of them as to That particular, or any other; for they are fmall Figures, at a great height, and the Chapel has not over much Light; the Vault especially, the Windows being underneath. This helps to give this Chapel the Melancholy Air it has; to which its being so little frequented does also contribute, together with other Circumstances, as will appear presently.

The Vault was painted by order of Ju-Mich. Angelo. lius II. about the Year 1512. The Pope had resolv'd that Mich. Angelo should make his Tomb, which as it was projected would have been one of the most Magnificent ones in the World, but Bramante artfully diverted him from That, and persuaded him to have This

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Vault painted, for feveral Reasons I will not flay to mention. This Work was finish'd in twenty Months without any manner of Affistance, even for the Grinding, and preparing the Colours, all was by Mich. Angelo himself. He had 3000 Duckets for his Pains, about 20, or 25 of which his Colours cost him. But as he went unwillingly into this Affair, he was forc'd to leave it less perfect than he intended, particularly without Retouching it, and giving it a little more Life by Heightnings of Gold, and Blue, as he would have done: But the Pope being the most Impatient Creature in the World, and withal very Furious, oblig'd him to strike the Scaffolds, leaving it as it is. He was defirous to have had it done afterwards, as the manner of those People is, but Mich. Angelo avoided the Trouble of it.

Mich. Angelo.

The Judgment was done many Years after. Clement VII. caus'd it to be begun, but he dying foon after, 'twas finish'd under Paul III.about the *Year 1541. eight Years after 'twas enter'd upon; though All that time was not employ'd in it, he doing Works of Sculpture, (which was his Favourite Art) at such Intervals as he could find. There are Prints of This, as well as of the Prophets, and Sibyls, which together with the Descriptions at large by Vasari, and Condivi, give a tolerable Idea of them, abating for the great Partiality of these Writers,

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^{*} Some Accounts fay 'twas open'd in the Year 1542. on the Pope's Birth-day.

and the Circumstances of That Time; together with the usual Defects of Prints; which Idea I am endeavouring to improve as far as I am able.

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Whether Aretine suspected Mich. Angelo's way of Thinking, or had a mind to introduce fomething of his Own, or only to shew his Wit he wrote him a long Letter, with most Extravagant Complements in the Italian Manner, but ingeniously introduces his Own Description of the Last Judgment, by pretending to imagine what the Picture was to be: His Thoughts are very Poetical, and Some of them what Mich. Angelo might have profited by, and perhaps did fo. But the Answer is, that he had advanc'd the Work too far to be now put out of his Own way; He fays it however very Civilly, and adds Complements fit to go in Exchange for Aretine's. This is Dated from Rome 20 Nov. 1537. the Other is from Venice 15 Sept. before. Both are in Aretine's Letters, Lib. I. pag. 279. 513. Edit. 2.

The Thought of This Work after all is not Intirely Mich. Angelo's Own if it be true as Malvasia says (in Felsina Pittrice, Part IV. p. 338.) that 'tis stolen from a Judgment painted by Luca Signorella da Cortona in the Prin-

cipal Church of Orvieto.

As Mich. Angelo had a vast Genius, and a Greatness of Mind equal to any Man; and had acquir'd a thorough Knowledge in a Human Body as to its Proportions, Contours, Anatomy, and Osteology, had these Qualities been rightly conducted, he might have been

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as great a Painter as ever he was thought to be: But being withal Referv'd, and if not Melancholy, very Sombrous, and perhaps inclining to Savage, (of which his shutting himself up, and grinding his Own Colours when he painted this Vault is one great Proof) his manner of Thinking was Tincted with this his natural Temper, and his Figures, and Compositions, though excellent in their Kind, were of a Kind something Capricious, and Disagreeable. Dante was a Poet much of the same make, Him Mich. Angelo perpetually read, which I believe contributed much to the forming those Ideas we find he had in all he did: What kind of Oddness that was is only to be feen by his Works themselves, or by Copies, or Prints. Now the Characters of Prophets, and Sibyls having fomething Bizarre, and not unlike that kind which was in Mich. Angelo, he confequently fucceeded better in Thefe than in Others more Delicate, as a Saint, a Madonna, a Christ, or the like. The Vault therefore is I think better than the Judgment, which is full of Choquing Improprieties, and Abfurdities, though some of These have been Corrected fince by other Hands, by covering with Draperies what was most Offensive; but the wrong manner of Thinking in other refpects could not be fo eafily alter'd, unless by demolishing the Whole Work. There is indeed a great Variety of Attitudes of a Human Body, in which is feen profound Skill in Anatomy, as the Authors who fo extravagantly commend this Picture fay: This would have been a good a good Character for a Drawing Book, but is a very Improper one for fuch a Subject as the

Last Judgment.

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The Writers upon Painting feldom concern themselves much with the most Considerable Circumstance in a Picture, which is the Thought, but Those just now mention'd tell us of Two of Mich. Angelo in this Chapel; One in the Story of God's creating the Sun and Moon, which is painted among others in the Vault; a little Angel is frighted at the Moon, and flies for Shelter to the Creator. AThought too low for the Subject! The other Singly confider'd is a Noble one; 'tis in the Judgment. To express the Terror of that Day, the Blessed Virgin, (even She!) clings close to her Son: Enter not into Judgment with thy Servant, for in thy Sight Shall no Man living be justify'd. But as the other Saints do not express the like Terror, or indeed any Degree of it, the Beauty of that Thought is destroy'd.

The Thought of the Charon, and his Boat; that of putting the Face of the Pope's Master of the Ceremonies to a Devil, (and this with an additional one not very Modest, because he said this Picture was more proper for a Bawdy-house than a Chapel;) the Ludicrous Thoughts in many parts of it, and Others too many to be spoken to, or even mention'd; These are generally well known, or may be seen by any one that will consider the Print.

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and the rest of Mich. Angelo's Works in this Chapel is Black, and Harsh, so that the Toutensemble is very Disagreeable: Nor is there that Bold, Noble Pencil, as one that don't remember that Painting was not this Master's Excellency will be apt to imagine. The Contours, and Airs of the Heads are not equal in any degree to what one fees in his Drawings. The Air of the Charon which my Father has in Black Chalk, and one of his Legs (for the rest is mostly gone over with a Pen by another Hand) is vastly finer than what is to be found here. The like may be faid of some few other Drawings for part of both these Works which my Father also has: As he has feveral Others of this Master, where in general is greater Beauty than in any Paintings of him that ever I faw. In his Drawings 'tis certain Mich. Angelo is seen to greater Advantage as a Painter than in the Capella Sistina, or any where elfe.

The old Masters of the Roman, and Florentine Schools were in general defective in Colouring, and Composition, and wanted that Facility in working their Colours, which those of Venice, and Bologna had, as also most of the Painters of the Latter Times: whence it happens that the Idea one is apt to have of their Pictures, from what one sees in their Drawings, and reads in Authors, will never be answer'd in any degree, when one comes to see their most Celebrated Works. The Bad, or if you please only the Indifferent Colouring, and want of Harmony, and proper Contrasts, takes

off from the Beauty of Design, supposing it to be never so perfect; But even That is in a great measure destroy'd by the Perplexity which the Management of Colours will necessarily give to those that are not very expert in the Use of them; so that what the Master is really excellent in is lost, and what he is not, is substituted in its place. A Picture therefore of such a Master as Mich. Angelo (for Example) is not the Work of a great Master, though a Drawing of him Is; because he was not Such a one in That in which a Picture is distinguish-

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After all, this great Man Deferv'd as much Reputation as he Had; 'twas not Wrong in the Degree, but the Application only. Others had Try'd to get out of the Stiff, Petit Style of Painting, the Remnant of Gothicism: Mich. Angelo Broke through furiously, and like a Flash of Lightning dazzled the World with his Great Manner; no Wonder he was Then admir'd accordingly: He was the Luther of the Reformation of Painting. I am persuaded we owe our Raffaele Such as he is to this Mich. Angelo; He was capable of profiting by this Vastness of Style, tho' t'other's Ferocity, and other Qualities were not at all Softned by what he faw in that Sweet and Delicate, as well as Manly Genius. The Truth is Painting was not his Favourite, as I observ'd before, but Sculpture; and that Correction of Design, and Nobleness of Contour, of which he was truly a great Master, is a great part of the Excellency of a Single Statue; but there are other ConfiConfiderations in a Picture, especially a Large one, for which he was not Equally qualify'd.

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The great Fame these Works of the Capella Sistina had at first, and for many Years was much owing to what Mich. Angelo had acquir'd by Other Arts; to which the Extravagant Praises of them by those that wrote his Life, which were his Friends, and of his Faction in Painting, has much contributed. But tho' these Writers were manifestly Partial, and in another Interest, Raffaele's great Merit supported him Then, made him Superior to all his Opponents, rais'd a Noble, and a Numerous School, and Posterity has clearly decided in his Favour as a Painter: 'tho' as a Sculptor Mich. Angelo is Supreme amongst the Moderns.

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On the Sides of this Chapel near the Door are several Sacred Histories painted by P.Perugino, but not his best Works.

Capella Paulina.

Mich. Ang.

On One side is the Conversion of St. Paul; on the Other the Martyrdom of St. Peter. My Father has Drawings of part of both these, but one of them is not of Mich. Angelo himself. These were his last Works in Painting, done when he was 75 Years old, about the Year 1549; they are much of the same Character with the Judgment, but rather have more of that Peculiarity of Taste one sees in this Master. The Copy of the Martyrdom (the Duke of Chandois has it) is much better Colour'd than this Original. I know not whether

ther there is a Print of it, there is one of the Conversion of St. Paul.

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Or rather the Cortile, for 'tis not a Garden, tho' fo call'd: 'Tis a small Square, not quite so large (I believe) as that of Lincoln's-Inn. Round it are Statues shut up with Doors as in Closets; those of the Tyber, and the Nile are in the Middle, two Sepulchral Urns are at two of the Corners.

The Tyber; the Heads of Romulus, and Antiques.

Remus are faid to be of Mich. Angelo; I con-Mich. Angelo, fefs I did not observe them, those Boys being very Indifferent.

The Nile was brought to Rome from Ægypt long ago. Pliny lays it was in the Temple of Peace in Vespasian's time, but was afterwards remov'd; he describes it as being
of a very hard Ægyptian Marble, of an Iron
Colour, &c. Lib. 36. c.7.

These two Statues are larger than the Life considerably, and not of a good Taste; The Remains of the Children on the Nile make an Ill Essect, and were never other than those kind of Additional Works generally are, that is, very Bad; As the Boar's Head in the Meleager, the Dolphin, and Boys in the Venus, the

Animals in the Toro, &c.

The Apollo. The Face is intire, and the Head was never broken off. (My Father has a Cast of the Bust, and a Drawing of the Head by Guido.) The Right-leg has been broken in pieces, and not having All 'tis ill set toge-

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with Mortar; the Left-leg is damag'd from the Knee to the Foot, and repair'd also with Mortar, but looks ragged; and but one Finger remains on the Right-hand. 'Tis in Perrier (N°.30.) and in several other Books of Statues, N. as Biscop's, Rossi's, &c. He has just discharg'd his Arrow at the Python, and has an Air, particularly in the Head, Exquisitely Great, and Awful, as well as Beautiful.

Sandrant says 'twas the Opinion of most Virtuosi, that This was the Apollo of Delphos that gave the Oracular Answers; and that when it ceas'd to do so, Augustus caus'd

it to be brought to Rome.

Abundance of fine things have been found in the Gardens of Salust; the Monastry of Vittoria stands on part of that Ground: as I was walking with some of those Monks, they show'd me in their Garden the Hole whence

this Apollo was taken.

The Laocoon stands in a fort of Nich, not so near the Wall but that one may go round it: 'Tis upon a Pedestal near the height of a Man from the Ground, and much Bigger than the Life; of Fine, White, Transparent Marble, so that it has a very Pleasing Look, without considering the Work, which is the most Exquisite that can be imagin'd, and highly Finish'd, the Fore part, but not Behind, being made (it seems) to stand as it does, against a Wall.

Part of its Beauty is however impair'd, for the Right-arm of the Principal Figure (for 'tis a Groupe, a Groupe, Laocoon, and his two Sons, with the Serpents twisting themselves about their Limbs) is lost, and one of Terra Cotta substituted in its place. This being Rough, Unsinish'd, and not good Work, and moreover of a Colour Disagreeable, the Eye is something offended. An Arm was begun for it by Mich. Angelo, but not Finish'd, as it Is it lies down by the Figures, All which are Damag'd in several other parts. My Father has a Cast of the Head of the Laocoon; and a Copy of one of

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This Inestimable Groupe made in the 88th Olympiad, the Year 324 of the Building of Rome, about 400 Years before Christ, is the Work of Agesander, Polydore, and Athenodorus, Rhodians, and cut out of one Block of Marble, according to Pliny; But'tis faid Michael Angelo discover'd where two Pieces had been join'd. 'Twas found in Dirt, and Rubbish, in the Therms of Titus, by Fælix a Roman Citizen, about the Year 1506. Others fay 'twas in the Pontificate of Leo X a few Years After therefore. As for that Seeming Difference in Authors concerning the Place where twas found, it arises only from hence that they have us'd feveral Names, and Manuers of describing, which all fignify the same thing,

There were Fragments, that is, Pieces of the Serpent of such another Groupe found in Ruins, which were always suspected to be those of the House of Titus mention'd by Pliny as the place where this Groupe stood, and which were imagin'd therefore to be parts of

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the True Laocoon, and That We have a Copy

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So little is left of Those Fragments, that one can't tell what the Work was; but as the Laocoon we Have has all possible Intrinsick Marks of Originality, the Objection that may arise from the finding of Those pieces of the Serpent can have very little Weight: Befides, admitting the Place where Those were found was That mention'd by Pliny, it will not follow they are parts of the Groupe he speaks of, That may have been remov'd to the place where Ours was found, and a Copy put instead of it; or perhaps the place where those Fragments were is not That Pliny speaks of. That there should be Two such as This we have, and but One only Known, or Heard of, is very strange: But 'tis altogether Inconceivable that there should have been Another, a Better than This, which is in the Utmost Perfection of Antique Greek Sculpture. that have a mind to fee upon what Authority fome Particulars I have mention'd is founded, and to know more concerning this Groupe, may confult Pliny, Lib. 36. Cap. 5. Mocoph. Polyhistor. Martianus, and Nardini on the Antiquities of Rome, Maffei's Notes on Rofsis Statues, Admiranda, p. 83, &c.

Whatever was the Story from whence these Sculptors made this Amazing piece of Art, and whoever it was Invented by, 'tis certainly much more Ancient than Virgil; but 'tis (as He has told it) in his Æneid, Lib.2. Maffei in his Notes on this Groupe says that Virgil's

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Account of it is so exactly like This as if he had seen, and intended to describe This very thing; but surely this Writer never considered, and compared these two Works; for besides Other Circumstances in which they disser, the way of Thinking is very Unlike. The Poet not only is rather more particular in the Images of the Serpents than of the Priest, and his Sons; but he makes Laocoon roar out hideously

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Clamores simul borrendos ad sidera tollit.

The Sculptors on the contrary have fix'd Their point of Time to That when his Strength was in a great measure exhausted, and he ready to fink under the Weight of his Vast Calamity; His Mouth is open'd but a little, and he looks up as Imploring Pity, and Succour from the Gods, without any Appearance however of Hope, but feeming in great Pain. This gives an Opportunity of a Fine Expression, and one more Noble, and more Suitable to his Sacerdotal Character, than that Violent Emotion that must have appear'd had the Sculptors taken him in the same View as Virgil did. And This Opportunity these great Artists have improv'd to the Utmost; as they have also done in That which the Story affords, of a great Variety of Attitudes, and a Fine Contrast from the several Ages of the Figures, and the Mixture of the Serpents with the Human Bodies; All which were doubtless the Occasion of the Choice of This Story for these great Men to exert themfelves upon.

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toon with That of the Necessity there is Sometimes of venturing on Obvious Improprieties. If the People of These Times thought as Those in Ours, how would the Low Criticks have Triumph'd on these Artists representing a Priest Naked, who was surprized by this Terrible Accident just as he was Sacrificing! And yet who sees not that had This been Regarded, as it could not but be Foreseen, instead of the Finest piece of Sculpture in the World we must have had a very Indisferent One, or None at all?

Venus and Cupid found buried in the Ruins of their Own Temple, which is now call'd the Church of Sancta Croce in Gerusalemme. All the Pillars of that Church are the same as of the ancient Temple, and stand as they did then: They are of Parian Marble.

Antinous; the Right-arm, and Left-hand off, the Right-thigh broke in halves, both Feet, and the Left-leg under the Knee broke off; but all very well put together again; found in

Adrian's Baths by Leo X.

A fine Sepulchral Urn. Upon the Front of it in Mezzo-Relievo is a Matron presenting a Child, and imploring the Emperor who is sitting on his Throne; a Slave bound in each Corner at the Bottom, and another Slave bound brought before the Emperor (who is Crown'd with Victory) and another Slave is on his Knees. 'Twas found in the Septizonium of Sept. Severus, and stands in the Corner of the Cortile.

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The Brazen Statue of the Nile, in a Nich in the Wall, and pours Water into this Urn, making thus a fort of a Fountain; but the Water running over perpetually has made the Figures Green, and Mosfy. My Father has a Drawing of this Mezzo Relievo, done by Battista Franco; and 'tis in the Admiranda, No. 20.

In the Apartments of Innocent VIII.

Over the Chimney are two Boys as big as Raffaele. the Life in Fresco, and several things of Pie-perugino. tro Perugino over another Chimney, the Angel sounding a Trumpet (of which my Father has the Drawing) is here. Several of the Rooms are painted with Landskips, said to be of the same Master.

The Chapel is painted by Andrea Man- A. Mantegno.

tegna.

In an unfurnish'd Desart Roomgoing out of the Cortile is the samous Torso of Mich. Angelo as 'tis call'd, because he was so fond of it, and study'd so much after it; and indeed 'tis Exquisitely sine: of White Marble, a Hercules made by Apollonius an Athenian; Julius II. put it in the Cortile, 'twas brought where it is by order of Innocent XI. and encompass'd with Iron Rails.

The Palace of the Ambassador of England.

Several fine Frescoes like those in the Va-Julio Perino, tican; they are in Frizes round the Hall.

Chiesa di Sapienza.

Piet. da Cortona. Ciro Ferri. St. Ivone Avocato de Pouere; the bottom part is finish'd by Ciro Ferri. The Saint is distributing Alms; Angels hold up a Canopy, over which is a Heaven where Christ is, supported by Angels; under him a Pope reading; another Figure presents a Book to the Christ. This Picture cost 3000 Scudi; the Figures all as big as the Life. 'Tis the most famous Altarpiece of this Master in Rome.

The Palace Chigi.

Cl. Lorrain. Borgognone, Salvator Rosa. Is full of Pictures of Claude Lorrain, the Borgognone, and Sabvator Rosa, and very fine of them.

In the Apartments below.

Antiques.

A finall Bust of Caracalla, the Drapery of Oriental Alablaster, and the Head as fine as that of that Emperor at the Palace Farnese.

A Small Bacchante standing with a Faunus

that fits; 'tis exceeding Gentile.

A Fine Figure of Diana, (I bought a Drawing at Rome which Dominichin made afterit) she is taking Arrows out of her Quiver. 'Tis the same as that in the Garden Mattei, only That is as big as the Life, which This is not: They are equally fine.

On a Table by it is another Diana Exactly

the same, the same Size, I Foot ! high.

Leda with the Swan; Small; Grav'd by Biscop; Very Fine; as indeed all in this Palace generally are.

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The Famous Head in Porphyry of Caligula, Intire. It stands upon a Pillar, very high, of one piece of Oriental Agate. 'Tis as Famous as that of the Caracalla of Farnese, but not so Good.

A Gladiator, perfectly well preserv'd, but that the Face, and great part of the Body has been Smoak'd, and turn'd Black, (as they say) in the burning of *Rome* by the *Goths*: 'Twas dug up with several Others in the same Circumstance.

A Venus, the same as that of Medicis: Though there are many of these, none is equal to That that I have seen; Unless it be that of the Duke of Bracciano, which however I

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A most Beautiful Bacchus; the same Attitude as a Drawing of a Bacchus by Parmeggiano which my Father has, only That has a Thyr sus which This has not. 'Tis so well preserv'd that the Vine Leaves that are on his Head, which are thin, and bor'd through are Intire. 'Tis probable it had a Thyr sus formerly, which in the Times of Paganism might have been adorn'd with true Vine Branches on Festival Days.

A Minerva with a Belt that hangs down to the Ground from the Girdle; and upon the Belt is carv'd a Number of Gladiators, Two, and Two. The Whole of an Excellent Taste.

Another Venus of Medicis; very good.

An Excellent Silenus lying on a Bag of Wine, Drunk; a fine Expression of Drunkenness!

Four

Four Fauns, all in the same Attitude, and

all Antique. Perfectly fine.

Three more fine Medicean Venuses, all in the very same Action. There is above 100

of them in Rome.

Apollo standing before, and going to chastife Marsyas. They look one another in the Face with a surprizing Expression. The Apollo the most Gentile Figure that can be, and the Air of the Head altogether Divine: He has one Hand on the Shoulder of Marsyas, and the Knife in t'other. This Apollo is in all respects Equal to the Venus of Medicis, and the Head perhaps Finer.

The Palace of the Marchese Cafferelli.

Raffaele.

Julius II. This feems to be Original. The Great Duke has one too which also has the

Appearance of an Original.

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He has often attempted to buy This, but the Price could never be agreed on. The Duke of *Devonshire* has the Drawing of the Head. The Picture is at Half-length, sitting in a Chair.

The Villa of Cav. Cassali in Monte Coelio.

Antinous, as a Bacchus, of Parian Marble; a Noble Statue! 'twas broke in a great manyPieces, but is well join'd: The Pieces had been made use of by the Goths to build a Wall, at the demolishing of which, and the taking out of these Pieces Ficaroni told me he was present. All the Statues of this House had been in in the same Circumstance; They were part of the Foundation.

Juno, no Head. This is much bigger than the Life; the Drapery in the Taste of the Flora.

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Julia Mæsa, the Wise of Alexander Severus, and Mother of Julia Soæmias, a Half Figure. 'Tis a perfect Madonna, only no Bambino; she is wrapt up in a Veil, 'Twas made for the Goddess Pudicitia; about her Head are the Holes in which the Brass Rays were put. Her Air is Thoughtful, and Divine. It was done in the time of the Caracalla of Farnese, and of the Severus of whom I mentioned the sine Medallion, and probably All were of the same Hand, All being of the same Taste, and in the Bas-Empire, when 'tis strange there was One Such Master; but I have seen no Medals of Julia Mæsa of a good Taste.

A finall Venus in the Attitude of that of Medicis, only 'tis cloath'd from the Waste downwards, and has the Head dress'd as the Apollo. (Of the Belvedere is always understood.)

A Mercury, bigger than the Life; of Parian Marble. Perfectly fine; 'tis standing.

In the Church of the Trinita di Monte,

Is nothing confiderable but two Pictures.

is That So but as 'tis of a Hand whose Pictures are Rarely seen; I don't remember to have met with any other besides This; but he is very famous and deservedly for his Wood-Prints.

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Some of the Canons here told me this Picture was of *Pierino*, which nevertheless I should not have believ'd, it not being his Manner; but'tis very probable tis of *Ugo* as Others said. Tis an uncommon Manner, the Drawing my Father has of it is So too, and a great deal like a Wood-Print.

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2. The Descent from the Cross, a Picture extremely applauded; I cannot tell why; 'tis in my Apprehension a Vile one. Not to insist on the Colouring, which is very Black, and Difagreeable; nor the Composition, in which there is an Absolute want of Harmony; there are grievous Improprieties in what is principally Essential to the Goodness of a History-Picture, and especially one of Devotion, that is, in the Thought and Expression. The Blessed Virgin Swoons away, but is flung in an Attitude not only without Dignity, but 'tis even Indecent; and what makes it appear the more fo, another Woman comes to her with her Handkerchief, not at her Eyes, but at her Nofe. The Saint John in the mean time is wholly Unconcern'd, intirely apply'd to the safe Management of the Dead Body of our Lord.

This gives me occasion to observe upon the Pictures of this Subject in General, that there wants that Unity of Action that is of so great Importance in a Picture, and This is occasioned by the introducing the Holy Virgin Mother Here, as well as in the Crucifixion, (Where by the way she hardly ever Swoons, and Here almost always.) This Distress of Hers divides the Attention of the other Persons in the Scene,

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If this Diffress was so manag'd as to be subordinate only to the main Subject, and help'd to heighten That 'twould be a Beauty, but when 'tis Not so (as in this of Dan. da Volterra) That is what I find fault with.

Rubens in his famous Picture of this Story has kept the Unity of Action, but has not given a Sufficient Affliction to the Holy Mother of God, and the other Women. The Clair-Obscure, and Harmony is Perfect.

The Church of St. Lorenzo without the Walls.

A fine Urn; upon the Front of it several Figures on Horseback representing Human Life. The first is Apollo Ascending in a Chariot; the last is Ceres going Down, cover'd with a Veil by a little Genius; of This my Father has a Drawing by Polydore. There are a pretty many Figures; they Rise, and Descend gradually.

A large Urn, Bas-Relief almost Flat; 'tis Foliage, and Animals; the Same, or extremely like a Fine Drawing of Giulio which my Father has. This was taken up out of the Sepulchre of the Familia Vibia.

The Columns here are fine, and all Antique, and almost as large as those of the Rotunda; They were taken out of the Temple of Mars, as also the Architraves, which are Exquisite Work, adorn'd with Foliage, and Animals like those just now mention'd. That of the Ty-

ger coming out of a Foliage of Giulio (another Drawing which my Father has) is there. There are a vast many Boys to the Middle, and so ending in Leaves, as in other Drawings of the same Master in my Father's Collection.

Ovid's Tomb.

Is near the Banks of the Tyber, about three Quarters of a Mile out of the Town; but that Noble Treasury of Antique Painting (so well known by the Prints of Peter Sancta Bartoli, to whom we are greatly beholden for This, and many other of his Works) is now in a manner utterly lost; whether for want of Care, or Otherwise I will not say, but 'twas lest open, and People were allow'd to do what they pleas'd there. Tramontanes would have been reproach'd for This as mere Goths. Nor is This the only Instance of This kind of Carelesness by a great many; the like is frequently seen in Italy.

Drawings of Cav. Benedetto Lutti.

This Collection is very Numerous, I believe he may have near 3000 of almost All the Masters, except the Old ones, Those Anterior to the Raffaele-age; of these I don't remember that he has Any, Except of Lionardo da Vinci.

Amongst the rest he has several that my Father also has; Not that Either has Copies, but they are Repetitions of the same thing something vary'd, as is not Unusual with the Best Masters of the Best Age; Less so than with Those of Later Times.

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Joseph in the Salutation, Bl.Ch. Less than

my Father's, but Good.

The Figure in the Baptism, Back turn'd, Naked below: Larger than my Father's, but not so good. Both these last also in the Scalzo.

When Mr. Closterman was in Rome about 20 Years ago he bought of Carlo Marat his Collection of Drawings; Part of the Money was paid, the Rest was to be remitted, and the Drawings Then deliver'd. In the Interim the Pope hearing of it, Secur'd the Drawings; Order'd Mr. Closterman his Money again, with Interest, and Annul'd the Bargain. This Collection is Now that of Don Nuncio at Vienna when I was at Rome: which Absence of His prevented my seeing these Drawings, for they were Lock'd up, with the rest of his Collection, (except some Antiques he had order'd to be bought after his Departure.) What These are I therefore cannot say; But besides This, Cav. Lutti's is the Only Collection of Drawings I could hear of in Rome. And as for Prints of Marc Antonio, or the Other good Gravers of That time; or of Parmeggiano, the Carracci, or Guido, (Those of This Collection Excepted) They are Gone as well as the Drawings. The late Lord Sommers shew'd my Father several Years since a Pest, as the Best he said could be gotten for him

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There several Years before that, and 'twas a very Indifferent one, which my Lord knew very well. After I have faid Thus much, it will not be expected I should fay there are many Connoisseurs in Rome; Cav. Lutti is One: Or that there are many Lovers; Cav. Lutti is One of Those too; a very Hearty one, and Extremely Obliging. The whole Nation have a fort of Love to what they call the Virtil and Know Something of it; and Here almost Any of Them that did but Pretend to be a Connoisseur would pass for a very Great One with Those who are not Really so; though in Truth Few Such are to be found Any where but Fewer in Italy, or in Rome, than in Some Other Places where they are Less expected to be.

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The Temple of Sibylla Tibertina just by the Castade of Tivoli.

Over the Capital of the first Pillar of the Arch are these Words, not taken notice of by any Author that I know of,

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From this Temple one fees the Cafcade of Tivoli on One side, on the Other is the Villa of Catullus; and beyond it that of Horace.

In the Monastry built upon the Ruins of the Villa of Cicero at Grotta Ferrata, a few Miles from Rome.

Here are Dominichin's best Works; One Dominichino. of which, where St. Nilo meets the Emperor Otho,

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Otho, confisting of a great many Figures my Father has the Drawing of. in red chalk preserved in General Guisa's Collection at The Caprarola near Rome. Christ church

This Palace is thus call'd from the Suckling of Jupiter by a Goat, which they fay was in the Mountains furrounding this Place, as alfo that he was Born here. 'Twas built by Vignola for the Cardinal Farnese, and is an Intire Study of Architecture, recommended as iuch by Bernino. 'Tis now Uninhabited, and has been fo for a long time. The Paintings are on the Ceilings and Sides of the Rooms, and done by Taddeo Zuccaro, affifted by his Brother Frederico.

The Defign for one Room, That intended Fred. Zucc. for the Cardinal's Bed-Chamber, was given by Annibale Caro by the Cardinal's Order, as appears by a * Letter to Taddeo Zuccaro, Dated at Rome 2 Nov. 1562. 'tis very long, and particular.

In the first great Hall, and the other four Rooms contiguous are

Various Representations of the Seasons of the Year. In that of Autumn is the Bacchanate, of which my Father has the Drawing. The Whole is enrich'd with Ornaments, and Grotesques, all' Antica, as beautiful as those of Pierino, and altogether as fine as any in the Vatican, and in the same manner.

Taddeo Zucc.

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^{*} De le Lettere Familiari del Commendatore Annibale Care, Vol. 2. 296. U 2

Here is also the Birth of Jupiter, &c.

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Some Histories in Medallions, one of which my Father has the Drawing of.

Salone.

Actions of the House of Farnese.

On one side of the Door.

Octavianus Farnessus Camerini Dux Margaritam Caroli V. Imperator. Filiam Paulo III. Pont. Max. Auspice sibi despondit An. Sal. 1539. the Pope joinsuthem.

On the other side.

Henricus II. Valesius Galliæ Rex Horatio Farnesio Cantii Duci Dianam sil. in Mat. Collocat. An. 1552. My Father has the Drawing.

On the side Wall.

Francis I. receives Ch. V. and Card. Alex. Farne se Legate in Paris. My Father has the Drawing.

Over-against this

Cardinal on Horseback, six Youths on Foot by him. Inscrip: Meeting of Card. Alex. Farnesse with the Emperor Charles V. and Ferdinand King of the Romans. My Fatherhas the Drawing.

Anti-Chamber.

Charles V. and Franc. I. join Hands; Pope Paul III. (Farnese) between them; Several others. The finest Groupe of Portraits I have seen of the Zuccari.

Stanza dell'Opificio di Lana frà gli Antichi.

In a Lozenge, one on a Tree gathering Fruit, another below, &c. My Father has the Drawing; as he has also of some others of these Histories, but not remembring that he had them when I saw the Pictures, I did not inform my self what the Stories were.

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Hall of Maps.

Americus Vespusius, and Ferdinand. Magellanicus, the same as the Drawings my Father has.

St. Peters.

The Bark of Giotto in Mosaick is over the Giotto. Pillars, and in the inside of the Portico, so that its seen at a great height as you come out of the Church to go into the Piazza: 'Tis very Beautiful, and much better Colour'd than I imagin'd: The Fisherman is the Best Figure, and is really fine. My Father has the Drawing, but without that Fisherman. My Lord Pembroke has one more Persect.

There have not been many Pictures in this Church, and of Those there are sew remaining, the Dampness of the place (occasion'd by the Thickness of the Walls, which So keep out the Heat of the Sun, that when you enter it you always seem to have chang'd the Climate, This) having been found Mischievous to them, Care has at last been taken of Some, by removing them, and putting Copies in their places.

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Guercino.

The S. Petronella of Guercino is still here. 'Tis a vastly great Picture with many Figures. The Story is the putting the Saint into her Grave; Christ is in the Clouds, with Angels and Cherubims receiving her, where she is a Lovely Figure. The Italians at present are only fond of the Black, Strong manner of Guercino; and this Picture, one of the most Admir'd in Rome is of This sort, and 'tis indeed marvellously Strong, and finely Colour'd, if what is so Black, and Dismal can be so; to Me I must own 'tis Disagreeable. — but I have taken the Liberty to give my Thoughts on this Matter heretofore, pag. 99.

Christ walking on the Water, and saving St. Peter who attempted to do the like; the Figures much bigger than the Life; the Colours chang'd so that the Masses are seen indeed, but little of the Tincts. My Father has

the Drawing.

All the World knows there are in this Church many Rich, and Beautiful Altars, Monuments, &c. a Particular of which Father Bonani a Jesuit has given in a Latin Folio, a Description only of this Church. It has also been describ'd by Prints which are well known. I will therefore only mention two, or three Particulars.

Bernini.

The Monument of Urban VIII. (Barberini) the Bees (the Arms of that Family) wandring about the Tomb; one of the Virtues thererepresented is Charity, but 'tis very Un-Antique. In endeavouring to make the Marble appear Soft, and Fleshy, the Sculptor has fallen into the

Lanfranco.

the Fault of Rubens, particularly in the Hands, which are too Fat, and Clumfy, tho' otherwise Gentile.

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A worse Fault is in the Monument of Alex-Dino. ander VII. (Chigi) the Charity There has Breasts which hang down, and are much too large.

In the Church of St. Pietro in Vincoli.

The Statue of Moses Sitting: as it is very Mich. Angelo. Famous, 'tis doubtless very Excellent; a certain Greatness of Style throughout in the Idea, and in the Execution, and which is always found in the Works of Mich. Angelo must necessarily make it so; 'tis seen in some measure Bischop . P.3. 15. even in the Prints which are well known. But I cannot forbear fanfying it has a Fault which has not been taken notice of by any body that I know of, and yet it struck me immediately; and upon my mentioning it to some very Ingenious Gentlemen that were viewing it with me, they all agreed my Observation was just. Every one knows the old Conceit that all Human Faces have a Resemblance to those of fome fort of Animal, some more, some less; and when this Refemblance is very remarkable, it must needs be proportionably a Deformity. Now this Moses has so much the Air of a Goat, that either Mich. Angelo intended it, (which he was as likely to be Guilty of as any Man) or he Miftook his Air, and instead of raising it to the top of Human Nature as he ought, has funk it towards Brutality. The Airs one fees in Prints are hardly ever to be depended

pended on, they seldom Reach the Character in any Degree, and very often never so much as Enter into it. My Father has a Drawing of this Celebrated Figure, which seems to be of the Hand of Sebastian del Piombo; This will in some measure justify my Thought, but neither does This by any means reach that Violent Expression which one finds in the Statue it self; To which I appeal.

Villa Borghefe.

This Villa takes in a Circuit of three Miles, the Garden is very Large, and cut into Vistoes, which come from the Palace, vastly Great, and Beautiful, and full of Antique Statues; the Walls on all Sides are cover'd with well chosen Bas-Reliefs, and fronted with Antique Statues; the Palace is full of such, and of Fine Pictures. 'Tis just out of the Porta del Popolo.

Caius Martius, and his Mother Veturia, an Excellent Groupe. My Father has a fine

Drawing of it by Girol. da Carpi.

Seneca in the Bath; Prodigious Expression of a Weak Old Man! He has lost so much Blood that he can hardly support himself upon his Legs, which bend, and give way under him. His Air is Savage, and very Disagreeable; so that if this Statue has any Fault, I think it is that he seems to be a Criminal that has been long kept in a Dungeon before his Execution; for his Hair is all neglected, and nasty, and his Face, and the whole Figure has an apparent want of Dignity; tho perhaps something

Antique.

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thing of this may be owing to the Colour of the Statue (which is Black) and the Alabaster Whites of the Eyes. Van Dyck has Etch'd the Bust of this, but'tis exceeding rare, Idon't remember ever to have feen it, though my Father has: He has however the Drawing where the Head is finely finish'd by that Master, and another, (a Slight one only) by Rubens.

David going to fight with Goliah. This Fernini. Rolli. p. 82.

Statue is Extremely Light, as well as the

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Apollo and Daphne. In comparing the Beauties of several Statues when I was giving Rolli. p. 81. an account of those in the Palace Farnese, (see p. 134.) I fell into a Description of this exquifite Groupe, which therefore I will not repeat here. What I have to add is, that as the Metamorphosis is just begun, the Bark covering fome parts, and the Branches sprouting from the Extremities, the whole Figure rifes with fuch a Tree-like Sweep as at once is very Beautiful, as well as finely imagin'd: And not only the Sweep of the Figures, but the Raifing of the Arms above the Head, and her Feet being put upon a Ground fomething higher than that on which Apollo is, fo as to bring her Headabove his, All humours the fame Thought. There are two other Particulars which I will not omit; one is, that when this Groupe is shewn they strike it with a Key, or some such thing, and it rings as if 'twas of hollow Metal. The other, and much more confiderable is, that Bernini was but 18 Years old when he did it.

Gladiator

Antique.

Rossi. p. 75.

Gladiator going to strike his Adversary. For this purpose he springs forward, and gives himfelf the utmost Force that a Body fo Robust, and Well fet as His is capable of. The Strength of the Hercules is of Another kind: He appears by his own Native Force to be able to crush any thing that resists him; and one is fure by only feeing That Figure, that whoever comes against him will be immediately Finished; But the Gladiator who is much Lighter built gives Himfelf fuch Activity, and Elasticity, that all his Muscles seem to tremble with Eagerness: And tho' they would Equally be Victorious, Hercules would be fo by the mere Lourd Weight of his Blow, but the Gladiator by that Vigorous Spring of His.

This Statue is the Work of Agatius an Ephesian, 'tis thought to have been in the Gardens of Nero in Antium, amongst the Ruins of which it had been bury'd 'till the time of Paul V. who came to the Chair A'. 1566.

Church of St. Romualdo.

And. Sacchi.

At the Great Altar is the Titular Saint of this Church, Dying; a Celebrated Work of Andrea Sacchi; and remarkable not only for its Excellence, but because 'twas in a great measure Stolen from a small Groupe in the Corner of a Picture of * Cavedone in St. Michael in

Bosco.

^{*} He was of the School of the Carracci, and a very confiderable Master; but whether from a Fright, or Afsliction, or both, he so lost himself that he not only could not Paint in any degree like what he had done, but he would look upon his Own former Works, and ask if they were of Cavedone: After a Miserable Life, he dy'd in the Street of Age, and Penury.

Bosco. 'Tis That where the Angels are carrying the Soul of St. Benedict into Heaven.

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This is the more remarkable because the Thest was so easily discover'd, being from a Picture then lately done, and in a Place well known.

Palazzo Pamfilia.

Two Ritrattoes, Bartolus, and Baldus, fa-Raffaele.
moss. Giurisconsulti. Prodigious Nature! expecially in the Looks and Spirit of the Eyes;
pretty much Finish'd; Hands, and Drapery
Natural, and not Ricercato; All subservient
to the Faces: which are Colour'd like Titian,
(as are those of Machiavel, and Cardinal Borgia in Pal. Borghese.) One has a Beard which
is only slung in, in a Broad manner, whereas
Raffaele us'd to mark the Hairs with the
Point of the Pencil even to a Fault: Black
Caps, Green Ground.

Soldier, and Young Man; the same as the Giorgion. Print of D. Leopold's Gallery. To make the Young Man more Bright, he has made the Soldier Faint, Dark, and Warm, and by way of Ground; the other very much Finish'd, and with a vast Force of Colour, with great Vari-

ety, but much wrought in.

Innocent II. (Pamfilio) Infinite Force, and Din Diego Vegreat Variety of Tincts, Unmingled. A Good lasques. Picture, but less Judgment than Fire. Enrage. He has not observed what Guido in the Picture of Cardinal Spada, and V. Dyck in his Bentivoglio has, that is, to make the Linen Transparent, which not only is more Natural, but 'tis

'tis thereby united with the rest: Here 'tis a Terrible Spot, and unavoidably draws off the Eye from the Face. My Father has this Head finely done in Crayons by Ant. Criccolini at Rome; as many others by the same Hand, chiefly after Guido; and those Chosen, and from his most Celebrated Pictures.

Rembrandt.

There is by it a Ritratto of Rembrandt, much of the same Character as to the Distinct manner of Colouring, and Bold Pencil; but Excels it even in Force, and incomparably in Harmony, and the Beauty of the several Tincts.

Parmeggiano.

Saint Beheading, as in the Prints; Well Colour'd for This Master; in other respects his Drawings are preferable.

In the Garden.

Is a Bas-Relief of a Perseus and Andromeda in a very particular manner: the Monster is kill'd, and lies at their Feet, and he helps her down from the Rock to which she had been ty'd. She is clad, and He naked. Admiranda, N°. 34.

Pal. Lodouisio.

Dominich.

Cardinal Lodonisio coming to the Pope his Unkle; an Admirable Picture! but (as His very often does) it wants the fine Union of the Figure with the Ground, which is the Fault too of Albani; otherwise the Expression as Fine, and Touching, as Usual. This, as almost all of this Master, is extremely Finish'd, but the Labour Appears, and wants that happy Disguise

Disguise of Guido, Lodouico Carats, and Cor-

reggio.

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Myrmillo Dying, has the Strongest Expres- Antique. fion of any Statue I have feen: He leans upon one Arm which gives way a little to the Weight of his Body, which evidently has no Force, because in that Action nothing can support it but holding his Thighs firm, and preffing his Legs to the Ground, but these Flag, and are flipping from under him, as appears by their being in a Position they can't hold, his other Hand is just sliding off his Thigh: His Mouth is a little open, and his Under Lip hangs: His Eyes are half clos'd, but incline faintly on one fide towards the part where his Body goes to fall: His Hair is short, and clotted, and he has a Rope about his Neck, which adds extremely to the Pity we conceive for him: Under his Breast is a large Gash. See the Print in Perrier. 91.

Pal. Palavicini.

Here is the finest Collection of Landskips Cl. Lorrain.
The Poussins.
Salv. Rosa.
P. Bril, &c.

In the Gallery.

Gibier kill'd, a Dog sleeping by them, &c. snyders.

extremely fine in the kind.

Our Lord lying Dead; the Blessed Virgin is Guido. flung upon the Ground by his side; her Face is press'd upon his Head, and almost Hid. An Angel has just taken a long crooked Nail out of one of his Feet, and shews it to another who bursts into Tears. Admirable!

Capucini

Guido.

Capucini Roma.

Guido is faid to have drawn the Cardinal Pamfilio (who was afterwards Pope) in that Devil under the St. Michael in that famous Picture in this Church; fo the Report ran; and he was well known to hate him fufficiently upon a particular Account, having faid feveral Bitter Things of him: However Guido complain'd of the Injury pretended to be done him by this Report, and Swore he had not the least Thought of fuch a thing when he painted that Devil, and that he had not the extreme Rashness to affront so Great a Man in a Picture that was to remain in Rome: That he only design'd to make the Devil as Hateful, and Difagreeable as he had made the Angel Amiable; but that if the Picture happen'd to refemble the Cardinal, 'twas not He that was to be blam'd, but the Cardinal's Deformity. See Malvasia, Part 4. p. 35. This puts me in mind of a Man of Quality, who finding his Own Character in a Vile one of Hudibras, when he faw the Author he Accus'd, and Menac'd him upon it. (fays Butler) I did not mean your Lordship when I drew that Character, but if 'tis found to be Yours, 'tis no Fault of Mine.

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We Poets Sales-men are of Wit, We make our Clothes for them we fit.

The Devil in this Picture is not a right Idea for the Subject, he ought to have an Air of Consequence, but he's Insipid here. The Angel is in the utmost Persection, and has that marvellous marvellous Lightness that is in the Apollo of Bernini in the Groupe of the Villa Borghefe, and the utmost Beauty, and Propriety of Tincts. The Air is Heavenly, but I think not altogether Proper in This place: He has an Ardent Zeal, but 'tis with fuch a Mixture of Effeminacy as agrees not well with his prefent Action: Here he should have had an Air of Force, and Authority, fomething like one founding the Trumpet at the Last Day, whereas his Countenance is as Soft, and Mild, as an Angel attending the Virgin in the Assumption.

The Church of St. Girolamo della Carità.

St. Ferome Dying, Figures as big, or bigger Dominichino. than the Life; the Saint finks down, and dies all over: His Mouth just opens, and his pale Chin falls upon his Macerated breast: His Eyes look up a little, but those Eyes have no They Had Devotion in them, Speculation. but all Thought feems now to be going. this is Finely, and Artfully heighten'd by a Woman on her Hands, and Knees, lifting up his Feeble Arm, and kissing his Hand with great Fervency, and Respect.

Church of St. Maria Trastevere.

Assumption of the Virgin; 'tis I think the Dino. Best of this Master in Rome, not excepting the St. Jerome just now mention'd; tho' indeed one can't decide positively upon two Pictures of fuch Different Subjects: Surely the Expresfion of St. Ferome touches the Heart as thoroughly as the Blaze of Glory about the Virgin,

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gin, and the Officious Duty of the Angels, and her own Awful Majesty, and Modest Joy strikes the Imagination; One excites Pity, and Devotion, as well as the Other Reverence, and Exultation. She is in the midst of the vast Golden Roof of the Church, and whilst nothing takes off your Attention, she seems insensibly to glide up, and lose her self in the Heaven of Glory that surrounds her. This is Brightness; St. Jerome is the Reverse; all is Melancholy; and while every one about him is solicitous, and attentive on his Criss, he seems to be just losing all Sentiment, and expiring. My Father has the Drawing of this Assumption.

Lanfranc, and the other Enemies of Dominichin, reproach'd him as having in this Picture of the Communion of St. Jerome stolen from Austin Carrats, which however is not True; the Stories being the Same, there must be some Resemblance in the Pictures, but there is great Difference; not one Attitude, or Expression is the same besides what was Unavoidably so. The Principal Figure is greatly different; Agostin's Saint is a Man that one would believe might have liv'd longer; This cannot possibly, which is therefore not only more Justly Thought, but much more Touching, and consequently has more the Effect a Picture of Devotion is intended to have.

But what if Dominichin had taken fomething from Agostin? what if a Man finding his Talent was not Invention, but Improving upon that of Others? he is surely in the right to apply himself to what he finds himself qualify'd for; 'tis what the Greatest Men in Other Arts as well as This have done. Nor is One Talent less Excellent than the Other. Neither of the Artists indeed are to be Commended for what they have Not, let them however

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In Felfina Pittrice, Part 4. p. 318. is a farther Parallel of these two Communions of Agostino, and Dominichino, and very Severely on the Latter; Tho' at the same time he says that Poussin, and Andrea Sacehi us'd to Equal it to the Transsiguration of Raffaele, and the Latter even to Preser This: and both Parties may be in the Right; The Picture may have those Hardnesses, and Improprieties as Matrassia says it has; and that Fine Expression, and Other Beauties, as gave occasion to the Favourable Judgment given upon it on the Other fide.

Villa Aldobrandini, of the Pr. Pamfilia.

The Marriage of Aldobrandini is an Antique Fresco, well known by the Print of Pietro Sancto Bartoli, That in the Admiranda, &c. 'tis inserted in the Wall in the inside of a Summer-house in the Garden; the Figures are about a Foot long. I have seen a short Manuscript Dissertation by Father Resta a late Virtuoso at Rome, where he endeavour'd to prove (Probably, which is all he pretends to) that 'twas painted in Rome by a Greek Painter, and he thinks that Painter was Apelles, who (he says) was at Rome. His Proofs are, that

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that when 'twas found in the Pontificate of Clem. VIII. about the Year 1600, 'twas Then judg'd by the Antiquaries to be about 2000 Years old, which brings it to the Time of A. pelles, and a time in which Painting was Loft in Rome; it must then be of some Foreigner, This could be no other than a Greek; and A. pelles having been There, and the Work worthy of his Name; Ergo. - 'Twas found in Monte Quirinale in digging for the Foundation of a Palace. I consider'd it very near upon a Ladder as well as at a distance. The Figures are about a Foot long; 'tis much hatch'd, and the Out-lines, and Folds of the Drapery not Always, or not Well determin'd, nor with a Beautiful Contour, but with a fort of Worminess disagreeable enough. As for the Colouring, whatever it Has been, 'tis Now so decay'd that no Beauty remains. The Women playing on Musical Instruments at one end are almost gone, and look Dirty. Near, the Airs of the Heads are not Fine; nor are the Lights, and Shadows distinct, but confus'd: At a Distance the Clair-Obscure is Improv'd, and the Airs are Fine, as are most of the Attitudes. There are leveral Copies of This to be feen here.

Madonna del Popolo.

Capella della Casa Rouere.

Pinturicchio.

First Altar on the Right-hand is the Prasepe, of which my Father has the Drawing: In a very good Manner. 'Twas before he painted the Library of Sienna upon the Designs of Raffaele, Raffaele, and which (besides the other Advantages) is the best Colour'd of any thing he has done, and is moreover in perfect Preservation.

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In the Picture of the Council he is faid to have been affifted by Raffaele himself.

The next Chapel (that of Cardinal Cibo) is also painted by Him in the same manner.

Capella Chigi.

All the Histories and Ornaments are of the Raffaele; Designs of Raffaele; the Altar-piece is of Ba-Bast. del Pistian del Piombo, but not Agreeable; and the ombo, we. Other Pictures, and Mosaicks, are Executed Indifferently.

Sir Nicholas Dorigny has given us Prints of the Planets which are on the Ceiling, and which are done as seen di sotto in su. By These Prints the Nobleness of the Design evidently appears.

There are four Statues, One at Each Corner of this Chapel. The Elias, and Jonas, from the Designs of Raffaele, are Executed by Lo-Lorenzesto, renzetto a Florentine very finely: The other two are of Cav. Bernini, not his Best.

Bernini.

The Church of St. Isidore, the Irish Church.

The Death-bed of St. Joseph, one of the Carlo Marat, most Celebrated Pictures of Carlo in Rome, though done when he was a Young Man: my Father has the Drawing of this.

Monte Cavallo, or Monte Palatino.

Before the Pope's Palace where he now comX 2 monly

monly refides stand the two Horses each with a Figure, suppos'd to be made, the one by Phidias, the other by Praxiteles; and that both are Alexander with Bucephalus; and thus it was faid in Modern Infcriptions upon them, which have been eras'd fince; and only the Names of those Sculptors are now put to them as they were anciently; whether Those were Genuine, or no, the Work is Believ'd to be Theirs; but if 'tis, these Statues cannot possibly be Alexander, and Bucephalus, according to Nardini, pag. 186. They are very much alike, and vaffly large: Of a Great Taste, Extremely Great! but not Delicate; and have been much repair'd, for they are now Complete; whereas it appears by old Prints, that fince they were fet up there by Sixtus V. (in whose Time they were found) they were very Imperfect. Of the Horse said to be the Work of Praxiteles, the Fore Leggs were wanting, and half the Hinder ones; almost the whole Neck, and the Tail, with part of the Drapery on the Shoulder of the Figure by it. The Figure by the other wanted almost all the Arm on which the Drapery is, and the Horse's Hinder Legs were as the other, and also wanted the Tail. These Noble Statues standing upon high Pedestals, and on the top of a Hill which over-looks Rome, have an Appearance very Grand, and Awful. They were brought by Constantine the Great from Alexandria, and plac'd in the midst of his Baths which were on this Hill. See Rosinus's Antiq. pag. 13. Nardini, pag. 186, &c. The

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We were in about 25 Chambers, in Some of which probably no Antiquary has been for fome Ages; Little is remaining in any of These but Scatter'd Pieces of Grotesque.

The Room where is the Coriolanus had a great Range of Histories all round it of the fame Size, about two Foot Deep, and a little Longer, All are Defac'd but This, which is very Dirty, and Faint. The History of Cletia is just discernible. My Father has the fine Drawing of Annibale Carracci of the Coriolanus done when the Painting had not been long discover'd, and was in a Much better Condition than Now. The Print of it in the Admiranda is taken from this Drawing which was then in the Hands of Bellori, fince Father Resta had it, who fold it to my Lord Somers, from whose Sale it came where 'tis now happily Fix'd. The Author of a Book of Painting and Poetry, Printed at Paris lately, but written many Years ago, Anonymous, fays this Drawing was in the Hands of Mr. Crozat; fo I was told at Rome that Cav. Lutti had it; neither of Themselves pretended to it; but the latter remember'd it with Father Resta; and a Virtuo fo that I knew at Rome who had been very intimate with Bellori knew it in his Hands, and was present at his changing it with P. Resta for other Drawings.

In this Room the Laocoon of the Belvedere stood in a Nichlike a Half Cupola chanel'd, and painted between with little Flourishes of Foliage.

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The Trajan Pillar.

It stands in a Small Square, and the Ground all about having been Rais'd as Ufual in Length of Time, and Clear'd away at the Bottom, it stands in a Hole, into which you descend by several Steps if you would enter the Pillar: This Hole is so Deep that at some Distance the Pillar feems to be without any Pedestal. 'Tis pity all the Filth and Nastinels which is continually about it were not Prevented, or Remov'd. The Pillar it felf has a Noble Look; and not less so by being pretty much injur'd by Time, and Otherwise; 'tis of a Darkish, Grey Colour; the Work is extremely Good; not highly Finish'd, but rather a fort of Ebauche where the Great Parts are Only observ'd; the Airs of the Heads are Noble, tho' without any great Variety, there being a Manner feen throughout, and so much the Same as if One Hand had done the Whole. The Expressions requir'd by the several parts of the Story appear in the Attitudes more than in the Countenances of the Figures; for here (as indeed in the Bas-Reliefs Generally) the Sculptors have treated their Subjects as Historians, relating only the Main Incidents, whereas in many of the Single Statues they have like Poets wrought up, and finish'd their Matter with all the Particularities, and Beauties they could The Figures here are a little more imagine. large at the Top than at the Bottom, but feen Almost, or Altogether Equally well; the Relief tho' every where pretty High, being more 10 fo in

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Antonine Pillar,

Stands in a Larger Square than the Other, and is more Neatly kept. It looks not fo Old, though the Difference in their Ages is fo little as not to occasion That, and 'tis more Damag'd. The Work is of the same Kind, but not fo Good, and feems not to be of fo high a Relief. But possibly that may be because this Pillar is not so near the Eye, nor standing in a Hole as the Other, but upon a High Pedestal, whose Basis is upon a Level with him that Views it; 'Tis feen however very well; Efpecially by those whose Eyes discern Things at a Distance; and very Accurately with Glaffes from fome of the Houses adjacent, as I saw both the Pillars, I also went up to the top of them, from whence one has fine Views of Rome. The Stairs are remarkably well preferv'd, and un-worn,

The Statues of St. Peter and St. Paul of Brass Gilt are on the tops of these Pillars, one on the Trajan, the other on the Antonine, instead of those of the Emperors which were there Anciently: These New Statues were set

up by Sixtus V.

I confess I did not observe it my self; but I have been assur'd by others that these Pillars are compos'd of single Stones pil'd one upon another like Cheeses, being hollow'd, and the Stairs, Windows, and Bas-Reliefs, wrought

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in them before they were laid, as appears particularly by the Spiral Line that divides the Bas-Reliefs, which in many places does not meet that of the next Stone by a great deal.

All the Accounts given us of the Measures of these Pillars agree that the Antonine is the Largest, but they differ as to the particular Dimensions. Pietro Sancta Bartoli, who I think is most to be rely'd on, makes the Trajan Pillar from the bottom of the Pedeltal to the top of the Statue of St. Peter, to be fomething less than 148 Roman Foot, whereas the other is above 200; (the Monument at London is rather higher.) But the the Trajan Pillar is formuch Lefs than the other, I have hardly met with any one who judging only by the Eye has not been Mistaken, as I was, who did not doubt but that what is really the Least is the Greatoft; the Reason of which must needs be that the Trajan Pillar is feen vaftly Nearer than the Other, the bottom of it being but a little above the Eye, for the Pedestal (as has been faid) is almost hid, and besides the Houses stand all round it pretty near; whereas the other is in a Wide, Open place; and the botrom of the Pedestal is not only seen, but tisa very Tall one, and perhaps more fo than it ought to have been, for 'tis almost 50 Foot high, (that of the Monument is 40.) This Pillar therefore being feen at Such a Distance, no wonder the Eye is deceived; Especially when 'tis farther confider'd, that tho' there is about 50 Foot difference in the Whole, there is not so much by a great deal proportionably bly between the Pillars themselves, the one being about 106 Foot, the other a little above 904. For the fame Reafons 'tis also probable that the Antonine Pillar does not look to Old. nor so August, as the other, as well as that its Bus-Retief feems not fodeep out, as has been observ'd already.

San Pietro in Montorio.

This is a finall Church a little way out of Rome, and from whence one has a fine Prospect of the City; but 'tis very Dark, the best Light coming in at the Door, very Difadvantageous to the Pictures; however 'tis Beautiful, and Magnificent Within, by the Goodness of Work, and Richnels of the Materials of the

Chapels, Altar-Pieces, &c.

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Over the High Altar is the Famous Transfi- Raffaele. guration; 'tis Painted on Board, or rather on Timber, being as I remember at least a Foot Thick, the Largeness may be judg'd of, the Figures being as big as the Life: 'tis in an Old Frame, probably the fame it had at first; and is about ro, or 12 Foot from the Floor. I have confider'd it very Attentively, Near, and at a Distance. The Tout-Ensemble is not extremely Agreeable; the Two Principal Actions, and Lights, are really Choquing, much more than in any Prints of it that I have feen. The Shadows are all Alike, and in the same Degree turn'd Black; and in fine, the Picture gives no Pleasure 'till one comes to look into the Parts Nearly, Then one fees what 'tis that has made it to Univerfally admir'd; for belides that at First,

First, and before the Shadows were Chang'd there was a greater Variety of Tincts that delighted the Eye, and deliver'd it pleafantly from One to Another; whereas Now that all the Shadows are alike Black, the Flesh, the Reds, the Greens, the Blues, &c. which instead of proper Masses, and Reposes are Spots, and those not in Beautiful Shapes neither; I fay besides all This, the Contours are more Open, and Elegant, and the Airs of the Heads are more Sublime, and Expressive, than in any other of his Works Here. 'Tis painted in Oil in the manner of that time Throughly wrought, and (tho' not to the Degree as in some smaller Pictures) the Hair, and other Particulars are done with the Point of the Pencil. My Father has two Drawings; First Thoughts for the lower part of this Picture; and the Print is fo well known, that there needs no farther Description, and morning I an eniod rod

The Principal Subject, and from whence the Picture is denominated (tho' the Episode has in a manner as good a Pretence to be So, as Raffaele has manag'd it) is truly Sublime; and this great Master has shewn how he was distinguish'd from all others for such a one. If instead of being Finish'd as it Is, This Picture were wrought up to the utmost height like Miniature; if the Colouring were more Beautiful than that of Correggio; if the Draperies, and other Ornaments; nay if the Heads were perfectly Natural, what a mean Work would this be if the Subject was treated without Dignity! and so Sublimely Noble as it Is, what Compa-

Comparison is there between those Inferior Excellencies, and This! A Man that reads this Story with Reflection will find his Imagination fill'd with Something Glorious, and Awful; but there are very few that can carry it to that height as Raffaele must have done in his Own Mind to make Such a Picture; or even to what the Sight of this may raise it in Minds less susceptible of such Impressions.

On the first Altar on the Right-hand.

The Scourging of our Lord, by Sebastiano Seb. del Piome Venetiano Frate del Piombo. This Sebastian bo. pretended to a Competition with Raffaele, and (according to Vafari) was prefer'd to all the Disciples of that Great Master after his Death. Mich. Angelo Confederated with him in this Concurrence, and affifted him by making Designs for him; and 'twas believ'd he Corrected his Pictures, by making the Contours as he judg'd necessary. He made (as Vafarialfo fays, Part 3. Vol. 1. p. 341.) a small Drawing for This Christ, from which Sebastian made a larger. These Drawings my Father has, together with a Finish'd one for the whole Work. But the Picture can by no means stand in Competition with Raffaele: 'Tis true 'tis much Injur'd by Time, or Otherwise; but by what remains 'tis manifest Raffaele was vastly Superior to this Confederacy. The Colouring has a Bricky Dirtyness like Red Clay; it wants Grace, and Spirit; Everything. Tho' Vafari fays had he never made any other Work, by This alone he should have merited Eternal

Evernal Praise. I give this as Another Specimen of the Manner of the Italian Writers in General.

In the Portico of the Vigne formerly of

Rofpiglioft.

On the Ceiling is the Aurora of Guido, which being pretty high, the Figures are bigger than the Life: a Gay Subject, and that Enchanting Painter the fittest of any to excuse it; and he has done it accordingly. 'Tis Beautiful, Gracious, and the Airs of the Heads Exquisite!

The Morning may be divided into Three parts; the Dawn; the Time when the Sky brightens with the Sun Beams, it being yet below the Horizon; and all that from the Sun rifing till Noon. Milton describes all these finely.

Under the opening Eye-lids of the Morn.

The Grey

Dawn, and the Plesades before him danc'd Shedding sweet Influence—

Thus fang the uncouth Swain to th'Oaks and Rills

While the fill Morn went out with Sandals grey.

Wak'd by the Circling Hours with Rosy Hand Unbarr'd the Gates of Light.

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Now Morn her Roft Steps in th' Eastern Clime

Advancing sow'd the Earth with Orient Pearl.

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So sinks the Day-Star in the Ocean bed, And yet anon repairs his drooping Head, And tricks his Beams, and with new spangled Ore Flames in the Forehead of the Morning Sky.

For These three Parts of the Morning the Italians have as many Names, Albe, Aurora, and Mattina; and all these are express'd in this Picture: the First by a Cupid bearing a Torch representing the Morning Star, which is very bright at the first opening of the Day; Aurora, a Figure of a Young Woman in the Clouds drefs'd in White and Yellow carrying Flowers; and lastly Apollo in his Charior drawn by fierce dappled Horses, pushing away the Clouds, and substituting Glory in their place; and to express the Chearfulness of this Sweet Time, the Hours Hand in Hand come on with great Alacrity. They are young Nymph-like Figures that almost encompais the Chariot of Apollo, and make a principal part of the Beauty of this Lovely Picture.

How many Fine Pictures, and Beautiful Pieces of Poetry are owing to the Invention of Personizing Things! The Description of the Forms, Habits, Arms, &c. of these Feign'd Beings, and their Discourses, and Actions say as Much, or More than plain Narration, but in a manner vastly more Entertaining: And in Painting, and Sculpture such Figures express That most Delightfully which Those Arts cannot Otherwise express at all. There are innumerable Instances of This kind; a Collection of Some of them, with proper Resections, might be a useful Work. If I had Leisure, and was Qualify'd for it, I know not any thing that could be a more Delicious Amuse-

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ment than to compose such a one,

There is one Image in a Poem little known, ('tis the Lusiad of Camoens, in Portuguese) as fine as any I remember in its kind. The Story is the Expedition for the Discovery of the West-Indies; they found a dangerous Promontory in their way, and 'tis describ'd Canto5. Stanza 37, &c. 'Tis introduc'd by faying there first appear'd over their Heads a vast great Black Cloud, then comes the Figure, a Human Form of a Colossal Height in a Menacing Attitude, his Face envellop'd with a Cloud, through which is feen his Hollow Eyes, Black Mouth, double Row of Teeth, Dropping Beard, Hard, Curl'd Hair, Clotted with Dirt and Clay, and an Earth-Colour'd Complexion. This Fantom tells them in a Hoarfe Voice, as from the Abyss, what Mischiefs should befal future Fleets failing that way. Raffaele, to fay

fay that an Earthquake happen'd at Such a time, has painted a Gigantick Figure Heaving up the Earth; His Look, and Attitude is Terrible: 'Tis among the Lesser Works in the Vatican. And to express the Rain that fell (as 'tis said) in answer to the Prayers of the Theban Legion, the Sculptors of the Antonine Pillar have made the Jupiter Pluvius a Half Figure, fore-right, Arms extended, and Water pouring down from every part.

But of all the Images of the Deity nothing can be Nobler than that in the 18th Pfalm, where amongst other things 'tis said, He flew upon the Wings of the Wind. I wonder the Painters have not made use of This; 'tis siner than Jupiter on his Eagle, an Old Man on Clouds supported by Boy-Angels, or any other that I remember to have seen in Painting, or

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These are but Hints, for I find I am gotten into a sort of Digression.

In the Church of S. Andrea della Valle.

This Church is a very Noble one, and very Light; the Grand Cupola of Lanfranc, and Lanfranc, the Tribunal, or Mezzo Cupola of Dominichin, with the Angels, and Ornaments, appear Dominichino, at one View as one enters the Church; and being very Bright, and Gaily Painted, strike the Eye, and give a vast Pleasure from the mere Beauty of the Colours. Both these Masters have here shewn how Great they were; particularly Lanfranc for This kind of Painting, which is Fresco, and at a vast Distance; Certainly

Certainly no Man ever earry'd This to a greater Perfection. 'Tis Strong, and Beautiful, and to make it appear so Below where the Beholder was to be plac'd, 'tis amazing to see what Art has been us'd in making every thing so Gross, and Hard, so Rude, and even Disagreeable, when one comes where he was when he painted it. These Works need not be particularly describ'd, That being done for the most part by Prints, or in the Lives of these

Masters by Beltori, &c.

The Cupola of Parma by Correggio is Exquisitely fine, as to the Invention, Painting and Colouring, consider'd as a Picture, not as a Cupola to be seen at a great Distance; for in truth it has not a good Essect Below; informuch that if you came into the Church without knowing any thing of the matter, you might possibly not observe it; whereas This of Lanfranc by its vast Strength, and surprizing Fulgore, commands your Attention; and is indisputably the Principal Cupola in the World, and the Greatest Manner of Painting Fresco to be seen Asar off; as the Gallery of Farnese by Annibale is the most Perfect for a Nearer View.

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S. Andrea à S. Gregorio in Monte Celia.

One goes to this Church through an Unfrequented Ill way, and finds it Deferted, and in a Bad Condition: On the two Sides of it are the Pictures of Guido, and Dominichin, done at the Same time, and consequently in Concurrence: They are both of them Dirty, and Injur'd,

Guido. Dominichin. Injur'd, particularly by the Rain Water coming through the Ceiling, and running down. The Subject of that of Guido is St. Andrew falling on his Knees upon light of the Crosson which he was going to be Martyr'd, (my Father has the Drawing of the Head of the Saint) the other is his Flagellation. Prints there are of Both, by which some Judgment

may be made of their Merit.

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Dominichin was in Some respects under a great Disadvantage in this Competition; He was then but about 27 Years old, whereas Guido was above 40; and what was still much more, He was a Mild, Devout, Modest Man, very subject therefore to be born down, and Oppress'd by Guido, who was of a Temper more sit to make its way in the World. Besides, he was persecuted by a more Terrible Adversary than Guido, that was Lansianc; who was indeed of the same Age with himself, but of a Spirit which that Soft, Humble Man was by no means sitted to Grapple with.

But he had the Advantage as to the Subject, which was more apt to stir the Passions, especially of the Multitude, who were to be the Judges. Which of the two was the better Painter I am not about to say; in Some Views Guido was, in Others Dominichin: Both had their Excellencies, Both ought to be Esteem'd. 'Tis certain nevertheless that in the present Case the Presence was Generally given to Guido, so that poor Dominichin despairing of Employment in Rome, had resolv'd to try his Fortune Elsewhere; but That was deserr'd up-

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on his Undertaking the Communion of S. Jerome in the Church of San Geronimo della Carità by the means of a Priest of his Acquaintance, which rais'd his Reputation; and 'tis indeed an Admirable Picture. I shall give some Account of it hereaster.

Annibale Carracci however declar'd him-

felf in his Fayour,

Vietrix Causa Diis placuit, sed Vieta Catoni.

And 'tis * faid that he acknowledg'd an Old Woman had taught him to judge in This Cafe: She feeing This Flagellation, shew'd it her Child with much Emotion; but casting her Eyes on that of Guido, went away Unconcern'd.

Algardi on the other hand (in a Letter to Count Malvasia, see Felsina Pittrice, Part 4. p. 318.) prefers the principal Figure with the Landskip of Guido to the Whole Picture of Dominichin, and slatly denies the Story of the Old Woman, without giving any Reason for so doing; but he says he had been several times at the Feasts of that Church, and had only seen old Women endeavour to quiet their peevish Children, by the Example of that Boy in Guido's Picture who did not Cry as they did.

If Annibale only meant that That Picture was Best which most touch'd the Passions, and that Common Sense was a good Judge of That he was certainly in the Right; and thus an

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Old Woman, or the Multitude, might teach us to decide upon the Merit of two Pictures of the Same Subject; But furely in the prefent Case he ought not to have rely'd absolutely upon his Old Woman, who might eafily be supposed to be more affected with the Whipping of the Saint, than with his Tender Sentiments of Devotion: She would in her Imagination bring home to her felf the One, more probably than that the would be livelily affeded with the Other; she might feel the Scourge on her Back, fooner than the Piety and Refignation in her Heart. Annibale therefore should have allow'd for the Difference of the Subjects, and then judg'd for himfelf, and not have let fuch an Important Decision turn upon the Accidental Flutterings of Nature in any one whatfoever. and show at the world

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Algardi indeed trusts not to Another, but expects Others should do fo with respect to Him, for he decides positively, without offering at any Argument to support his Judgment; and he manifeftly builds upon a Falle foundation, because he takes not in the most considerable Circumstance of the Question: He regards not the manner of Thinking, but the Execution only of The Drawing, Colours ing, and Pencil, are undoubtedly very material Parts of Painting, but not So material as the Thought, and Expression; in These the Painter applies himself to the Heart, and Understanding; the Other are address'd chiefly to the Eye! To judge Thus of a Picture is like judging of Mufick by the mere Sounds only,

without considering what Passion, or Sentiment they are intended to Express, or Excite.

As for the particular Difpute concerning the Merit of these two Pictures, as That has Slept long ago I shall not Revive it: But without that what I am going to fay is to be under-Stood as giving any Advantage to Dominichin, I don't doubt but that the General Decisionat that time in favour of Guido was (as it almost always happens) more occasion'd by Confiderations intirely Foreign, than those that were Pertinent; 'twas chiefly owing to the Gentile, Over-bearing Temper of Guido, oppos'd to the Meekness, and Modesty of his Concurrent; when These different Qualities are in Competition, 'tis well known which will have the Advantage (Ceteris paribus.) But what is worse, the First often crush the other, even when supported with a Superiority upon the main Question. Posterity indeed often does Justice, and makes some Amends to Injur'd Merit, by a Fame too Late however to be very Valuable. This was the Case of Dominichin, and he was very Sensible of it, when Lanfranc was Criticifing a Work he was upon, and had the Prejudices of the Multitude on his Side, after several Other Faults found, and which Dominichin heard with great Patience, and Submission, he said Such a Limb was too Short; The Oppress'd Ingenuous Man reply'd Mildly, It will be Long enough a few Years bence.

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wrong ways of Judging: Not enough using our Own Reason; the Misapplying Good Principles; the rejecting Those for Others less Considerable, or False; the not taking In the Whole of the Case; and being influenc'd by what is Foreign to the Subject.

Palazzo dell' Academia.

Here is the French Academy; One of the Many Instances of the Nobleness of Mind of Lewis XIV. 'Tis free to All Nations; but at the time of the Year when I was there no-

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There is One Circumstance that makes this place as well worth visiting as almost Any in Rome: Here are Casts of all the principal Statues; Many of which are Thus seen much better than by the Statues Themselves; I mean Those that are in Disadvantagious Lights, or Positions. Besides Here one has the Conveniency of Steps, so that one may come Near any part, how remote soever from the Eye as one stands on the Ground; and Here moreover All these sine Things are brought together, and Seen at Once, and so may be Compar'd one with another, as I did with a great deal of Pleasure.

The Magnificence, and Beauty of the Churches, and Palaces of Rome must be Seen to be Conceiv'd; particularly the Churches; such Profusion of Gold, Silver, Marble, &c. and so Artfully dispos'd! Many Chapels as it were Wainscotted with Marble; Pavements of the same, and These in the most Beautiful Y 3 Figures

Figures, and Colours; for the Marble is commonly Antique, and Finer than any is Now found in the World; nor is it known what part of the Globe produc'd This Candleflicks there are of valt Dimentions, Some of Gold, Others of Silver, Supported by Angels as large as the Life. Monuments with Canopies of Marble of the height of two, or three Stories of our Houses, with the Folds reaching down to the Ground, and tumbling finely upon it. In short, to see Rome in some Views, it appears to be the Habitation of the Masters of the World, and where the greatest Genius's have exerted themselves. In Others, Slavery is Palpable; and Art one would think neither Has been, nor ever Would be.



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THE Urn in which the Tribute was brought which the Romans paid to the Emperor: Marble, Large! 'Tis plac'd by the Dome, on a Pillar of Granite: Upon it is a fine Bas-Relief of feveral Independent Figures, and amongst them That commonly called Trimatchio, supported by a Faun.

In the Wall of the Dome are several Antique Inscriptions, put Carelesly as Ordinary Stones, some Upside down, some Sideways, &c.

On the fide of the Dome going in is the Tomb of the Countess Matilda; upon it is a Boar-Hunting, a Fine Tafte; Antique: the Tomb it felf is So.

In the Dome is the Dispute of the Doctors: Benozzo Goz-My Father has above thirty Figures of this in three Several Drawings. 'Tis painted in Oil, and hung upon one of the Pilafters.

In the Campo Santo are Paintings of feve- Ditto. ral of the O'd Masters: the Best of which are of Benozzo Gozzoli. These Pictures are Describ'd by Vafari, and there are little Prints of them in the Book that the Milani's have publish'd of this Place; so that I need not enlarge.

Here are about Fifty, or Threefcore Antique Tombs full of Fine Bas-Reliefs, most of them Greek.

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The Dome stands upon a Hill; a Noble, Large, Old Church; the Pavement is chiefly of Meccarino, but some parts of it are by his Disciples; 'tis a Work very famous, and defervedly fo. The Out-lines of the Figures are cut into the Marble, which being White, and those Lines fill'd with a Dark Colour, as are the Gravings which make the Shadows; the Whole is a Clair-Obscure like a Silver Plate for Printing fill'd with its Ink, and wip'd ready for the Press: These Out-lines having been cut by common Workmen, are not fo Elegant as they ought: The Figures are as big as the Life, and the Stories are from the Scripture. That of Abraham Offering is most esteem'd, and is accordingly kept cover'd,

At a private House in Sienna (I have forgot the Name of the Street) I saw the Original Drawings of the Whole, and the Carton

of Part of this Pavement.

In the Library is painted ten Histories of the Life of Pius II. Vasari says they are of Pinturicchio; the Cartons however he owns were made by Raffaele, who was his Cotemporary under Pietro Perugino, and then very Young: They say here that he Painted, at least Assisted in the painting of the first Story on the Right-hand coming in. What the Style is will be easily conceived by those acquainted with that of Perugino, and 'tis indeed very Good: The Colouring is extreme Beauti-

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The Church of A D D VIA ge and Bear-

Church of S. Giovanni.

A Fine Madonna of the Frate, (Fra. Bar- Fra. Bartolotolomeo is always so call'd.) She is Sitting,
and there are two Saints standing by her on
each side. At the Foot of the Throne is an
Angel playing on a Fiddle, quite turn'd black,
and spoil'd. By the Wall of the City under a
Shed is a Large Brass Cannon, at the Great
end of it is a very fine Head, bigger than the
Life; over it is written Carolus Albertus fec. Carolus Albertus.

Santa Maria Corto Landini.

The Assumption; a Great Altar-piece: Guido.

Lightsome Manner; very fine.

On the Left-hand of the Altar a Madenna Ditto. in the Clouds, and two She-Saints, of which One holds a Chalice.

Church of S. Romano of the Dominicans.

A Madonna di Misericordia; many Fi- Il Frais.

gures: A most Excellent Picture.

There are few good Pictures in this City, and those that are, have been generally suffer'd to go to Decay by the Carelesness, and extreme Ignorance of the Religious to whom they belong.

PARMA, continu'd from pag. 30.

The Church of St. John. Large and Beautiful.

Correggio. Bartele-

The Cupola is painted; God the Father, and Christ crowning the Virgin, (of which my Father has three feveral Drawings) Enrich'd with an infinite number of Angels. There is a Gallery round this Church; about the middle between it, and the Ceiling is painted in Squares about one Yard and a halflong, adorn'd with Festons, and all kind of Ornaments, where are the Sacrifices, of which my Father has One; a Drawing." And here too are those Single Figures fitting with Cartels: My Lord Pembroke has Drawings of some of them. They are in Print by Biscop. My Father's Drawing above-mention'd shews the Order, and Manner of placing these; for in the upper part of that Drawing Correggio has given a Specimen of the whole Gallery: There is that Sacrifice which is the principal Subject of the Drawing, and on each fide one of the Figures fitting: the Same goes all round the The Altar-piece was to have been Church. painted by Correggio; my Father has the Drawing of it. A Heaven, on the back of which is another leffer, where the Virgin is. 'Tis upon the Authority of Padre Resta that I fay this was intended for this place, and that 'twas not executed upon account of the Expence of it. Certain it is, here is now no Altar-piece on the Great Altar, which is very Rare

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Rare in Italy; and the Reason here given is, that twas thought none fince Correggio was Worthy to paint one loo all and v

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The Madonna, with the SS. Mary Magda- Correggio. len, and Jerome, of which my Father has the Drawing, together with the Head of the Magdalen in Crayons by Barocci; 'tis Grav'd by Agostino Caracci. The Figures in the Picture are as big as the Life. There is I believe ten Copies of this Picture in Parma, Altar-pieces. 'Tis Exquisite, and very well Preserv'd; very Bright, and Beautiful. Several of the Copies are very fine, and in the true, Old Taste.

The Gallery of the Duke of Parma.

This Gallery has Plaister'd White Walls, the Pictures are hung on them. Over the Door coming in, rurning back, and looking up, one fees Pope Paul III. (Farnese) and the Cardinal Farnese, a Messenger coming to the Pope. Figures at Whole Length; Exquisitely fine! Titian. The Pope is Sitting; the Air of his Head, Wife, and with great Dignity, and is very Strongly painted. The Messenger has not that Force, and appears to have great Awe. The Cardinal looks upon the Messenger, but is less Strong still, as being farther from the Eye. The Whole well Preserv'd, and very Beautiful; much in the Style of that Noble one the D. of Somer set has of the Family Cornaro.

A Madonna fitting, the Christ lies asleep Parmeggiane. by her; she chucks the St. John under the Chin

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Chin as he approaches to them; the Figures as big as the Life; the Air of the Madonna is perfectly fine. The Colouring very Red, and Rawish, as this Masters commonly is, but (as it must needs be) his Pictures have not the Lightness, and Delicacy as his Drawings.

Annibale.

A Pieta; the Christ is exactly the Same, the same Air of the Head, the same Attitude, the same Tinct of Colour as one in Small (a finely finish'd Sketch) which my Father has, but the Boy-Angel holding the Crown of Thorns in That is not Here; and the Angel which holds up the Arm is not Kissing the Wound as in That, but looking towards another Angel as showing it, which other Angel points to the Wounds in the Feet, and appears Griev'd. Tis as big as the Life, and highly Finish'd. A Celebrated Picture, as is the Parmeggiano just now describ'd.

binet of the Duke de Bracciano. Both are contended for as the Right; and both are exactly in the manner in all respects as another Madonna my Father has (not quite so large.) I consider'd These in that particular View, and can be so positive, that if either of These are

Right, I fee no reason to doubt of That being

The same Madonna as that in the Little Ca-

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Raffnele.

The famous Copy after Raffaele of Leo X. &c. This they make a great Affair of, and attest it here to be better than the Original in the Collection of the Great Duke. 'Tis indeed better Preserv'd, and the Colouring Brighter: So that if This is the same Copy Vasari speaks

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of, the difference is Now very Visible, whatever it was in his Time. But there Is, and always Was, a more Material difference; 'tis not so Good by a great deal; 'tis not so Touching, it has not that Sublimity, that Dignity, that Force, but is Raw, and Tame: In short, 'tis a Picture in no degree Equal to what one would Expect, supposing it to be That of which Vasari tells the Story.

Her own Picture; the same with that of my Sofon. Angu-Lord Cadogan, but Here the Musical Instrument Sciola. is Damag'd, and gone, and the other Head is not

here; nor is This fo Good a Picture.

Bacchus; a Single Figure.

A Madonna, very Coregesca, a sinal Pi-schidone.

cture, extremely fine! My Father has the

Drawing. There are several other Madonna's
here of the same Master, and the same Taste.

In the Cabinet.

A Fine Missal, bound in Silver Plate, a lit-D. Giulio Clotle above the Size of a French 12°. At the vio. end of it on an Altar is written, Julius Clovius Monumenta hac Alexandro Farnesio Domino suo faciebat M. D. XL. VI. This Missal is vastly beyond whatever in the Vatican is ascrib'd to this Master. Those indeed have been Retouch'd by Padre Ramelli, (of the same Order as D. Jul.) and now alive: but This is perfectly well preserv'd, and is admirably well Drawn, and Colour'd, equal to Any Master: The Taste in General is Chaste, and Gentile; in some of the Figures more especially there is an Inclination toward the Style

Style of Mich. Angelo, but without his Extravagance. All the Pictures have Grote sque Ornaments about them; the Colouring of which humours the general Tinct of the Picture, with much Beauty, and Harmony.

A Single Picture in Miniature, with a Frame, and Glass; 'tis a St. John; but in a Style different from that of the Miffal, and like those of this Master in Florence.

The Gallery again.

is a Profile, and the Christ, and St. Katharine look up in her Face: A small Picture; Fine Bright Colouring; his Best Manner; well Preferv'd.

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Annibale.

Titian.

Correggio.

Raffaele. The Madonna della Gatta, call'd so because of a Cat upon the Ground at the Foot of
the Virgin; the Christ is on the Lap of his
Mother holding out both his Hands to St.
John. The Picture is not of the Best of Raffaele.

Parmeggiano. Lucretia, Half Figure, big as the Life, Face in Profile. Very fine.

A Dead Christ, the same as that at Poggio à Caiano. This also appears to be Right.

Correggio. An Exquisite Madonna, a Half Figure only, the same Attitude as the Zingana.

A Fine Copy of the Magdalen of Correggio by Titian, the same Size. The Blue, and the whole Picture well Preserv'd.

The famous Zingana, the same Size, and the same faulty Drawing of the Hand (I forgot to observe the Foot) as the Copy my Father

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ther has of it by Annibale Carracci. As for the Brownish Tinct of Colouring it had That too without Doubt, and from thence was called the Zingana; but of That one cannot judge otherwise Now, the Picture being horribly Spoil'd; the Colours feem to have been Broil'd, and are Re-painted, but not fo as to unite with the Old, to that all is in Spots; the Boy a-top is just gone. This Picture was made for a Cardinal of the House of Farnese. My Father's Copy is Exactly of the fame Style with many others I have feen of Annibale, and is Undoubtedly of Him. The Pope has a Copy of this Picture; and there are feveral Others in Italy, and England, some Large, and some of the same Size with This, but I faw none Good. 'Tis a Riposo, the Virgin resting her self in her Journey to Ægypt. She fits on the Ground, the Child afleep in her Lap, Both in most Lovely Attitudes, and the Expression of Sweetness, and Innocence in Him, and of a Motherly Tenderness in Her is fo fine, that one may fairly fay 'tis now Inconceivable, the Original Picture being spoiled, and there being none but Copies or Prints that we know of left, but These justify us in carrying our Imaginations as high as possible. The Poetry of this Picture is Delicate: The Virgin is in a Solitary, Obscure Place, under the Shade of a Palm-Tree, a Boy-Angel is drawing the Branches over them, the better to protect them from the Heat; and Birds in the Glade, and a White Rabbet (staring up at her) prettily enrich the Picture, and at the fame

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The Church of the Madonna della Steccata.

Parmeggiano.

Here are four Half Capola's painted in Colours, the Pilasters are in Clair-Obscure, and all the Ornaments throughout are of Purmeggiano. The Cariatides and fuch like Figures are painted on those Pilasters (whether the Square Pillars, or those which are Flat against the Walls) four or five Figures one over another are on all those Flats, with Ornaments for the space of a Yard or two interpos'd. The Cupola's are to High, and the Church fo Dark, that one cannot make a very politive Judgment concerning them; but for the rest here is not that Appearance of a Decay in the Genius of Parmeggiano as Vasari intimates; at least I don't observe it. My Father has several Drawings of these Ornaments, Figures, and Grote fques.

The Palace of the Duke; which is distant from the Gallery, and in another part of the Town.

Annibale after Correggio. The first Apartment is All of Annibale Carracci after Correggio. There are I believe about 30 several Pictures, the greater part of which together compose the Whole Cupola; the Figures are of the same Size as the Originals, perhaps three times bigger than the Life. The rest are Copies of several of his Other Works; Some of which are destroy'd. In all these Annibale has admirably well imitated the

the manner of Correggio, to that degree that one may almost say they are Equally Fine; and they are well Preserv'd. All These are in Oil, though the Cupola is in Fresco: The Manner of Painting Broad, and very Great.

In another Room.

A Madonna, very Hard: but she has a Vir-Raffaele. gin-Modesty as finely express'd as Any this Master has done.

Virtue shewing a General (who is before Giulio Rom. her on his Knees) the Temple of Fame; there are several Soldiers; all is highly Finish'd. The Colouring is very Thick, and Bricky, the Pencil Heavy, and the Whole not very Agreeable; as may be said of what he has done in Oil Generally, and of Some in Fresco.

In another Room.

A Holy Family; very fine. My Father has And. del sarthe Drawing highly Finish'd, only there is a 10. difference in the Back Ground; the Picture has a Landskip, and in the Sky are two Angels holding a Curtain: the Drawing places the Figures Within-Doors, and a Landskip is seen through a Window in one Corner.

Here are several other Apartments, but nothing in them Considerable.

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Palazzo Ducale.

Correggio.

Notte: Perfectly well preferv'd, and has that admirable Splendor that 'tis always remark'd for; and indeed 'tis perhaps the first Picture in the World for the Clair-Obscure. The greatest Masters in this part of Painting are Correggio, Rubens, and Rembrandt. The First, and Last of these generally kept their Lights more Contracted; or (as one may fay) their Principal Lights are more Principal; whereas Rubens is more Diffus'd, fo that the Subordinate Lights approach nearer to a Competition with the Principal one, and spread themselves even to the Extremities of the Pi-Aure. In This of Correggio, the Child, and Virgin is one amazing Spot of Light, but the Shepherds partake of but little of it, comparatively; the Sky indeed is pretty clear, but feveral Tones lower than the Grand Light. The same may be said of the Magdalen, Io, Sc.

The Picture is the same with the Print of Metelli (only as to the Clair-Obscure) but the Drawing my Father has, which nevertheless was undoubtedly made for it, is pretty Different from it both as to the Figures, and their Disposition, and also the Clair-Obscure, the Light being more Diffus'd. The Figures are as big as the Life; 'tis Prodigiously Sweet, the Colouring Inimitably fine; The Drawing as usual, particularly the Old Shepherd at the

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fide of the Picture (a Whole Figure) is the Extravagance of Correggio: In short, the Excellence of this Picture is in the Clair-Obscure, and Colouring. These Correggio seems to have had chiefly in his View when he painted it, and he has succeeded to the Utmost Degree of the Sublime.

That Correggio's Drawing is Incorrect is certain; as it also is that he had a most Angelical Grace: How these seeming Inconsistencies are Reconcil'd I will in short explain.

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It must be observed that Drawing is to give the Appearances of Things as they present themselves to our Eyes, whether as to their Proportions, or Forms, in which 'tis incontestable there is One sort of Grace; but there is Another in the General Airs, and Attitudes: By These the Thought of the Painter is seen, by the other 'tis So shewn as also to please the Eye.

This Distinction between the Grace that results from the Beauty, and Correction of Design, and that of the Idea, is very Evidently seen in Drawings, which (Generally speaking) have more Grace in the Ideal kind than even Pictures themselves, but with Notorious Incorrectnesses in the Other. Now 'tis in this Latter kind that Correggio excell'd; and that in Such a degree as perhaps no Modern ever did more, not even Raffaele, Parmeggiano, or Guido.

When Both these kinds of Grace are seen together, the Picture is no doubt more Perfect; and Correggio would have been more Excellent than he is if his Works had Correct-

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ness, and Beauty of Drawing, as well as Fine Ideas. But what he Has, join'd to his Lovely Colouring, and Delicate manner of Painting, fufficiently justifies the vast Esteem we have for him.

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This ought not however by any means to be extended to Excuse a Neglect of Drawing. Tis a very considerable Circumstance in a Picture, whether a History, or Portrait, chiefly in the Latter, for feveral Reasons not Now to be enumerated. Even a Landskip, Fruit, Flowers, or whatever it be, is Much the Better, or the Worfe, according as the Drawing is, because One great part of the Business of a Picture is to delight the Eye, which is done as well by Forms, as Colours. And tho' the want of This Property may be More than compenfated by Other Good ones, let us Painters be Sure of Those before we Neglect That: nay, if we could be secure of all those that Correggio had, He that has not Ambition, and Industry enough to Endeavour to be Greater than Correggio will probably for That very Reafon never be Equal to him by many, many Degrees!

Father Resta (heretofore mention'd) in a Manuscript I have seen of him, which Mr. Kent has favour'd me with the Use of, tells us feveral Particulars relating to this Picture worth remembring: He fays it was made for an Altar in S. Prospero in Reggio, and gives a Copy of the Contract, the Original of which he affirms to be then in the Hands of Sig. Cav. Donza Gallery-keeper of the Duke of Modena,

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Modena, which because 'tis Curious I will transcribe.

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Per questa nota di mano mio io Alberto Pratonero faccio fede à ciascuno come io prometto di dare à Mastro Antonio da Correggio Pittore Lire Ducento otto di moneta vecchia Reggiana e questo per pagamo d'una Tavola che mi promette di fare in tutta eccellenza done sia dipinto la Nativita del Sigonostro con le figure attinenti secondo le misure e grandezza che capeno nel disegno che m'há porto esso Mastro Antonio di man sua

Alli XIIII. di Ott. MDXXII.

Al sodo giorno gli contai par parte di pagamo lire Quaranta di Moneta vecchia.

Et io Antonio Lieta da Correggia mi chiamo haver riceuuto il di e millesimo soprascritto quanto é soprascritto, & in segno di ció questo hó scritto di mia mano.

Fuori --- Scritto della Tavola di S.

Prospero fatto dal Correggia.

Stá scritto in un foglio di Carta che há

per merco un' Aquila coronata.

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Thus far Father Resta in this Place; only that in the Margin he accounts for the Mark of the Eagle, and the Word Correggia which I omit; 'tis a Story of an Apparition of the Virgin to one Giberto of Austria; but he

takes no notice of Correggio's writing his

Name Lieto instead of Allegro.

It was upon occasion of a Sketch made for this Picture, and then in the Hands of Sig. Ghezzi a Painter at Rome, that Father Resta wrote the Discourse where this is inserted; This he says differs from the Picture, and judiciously remarks that the latter would have been Better had he follow'd his First Thought in the Sketch; for There the Action is in a place Inclos'd, with only a little Window, as being a better Shelter from the Rigour of the Season; and the Night is more express'd, as being Darker, and a Moon appearing amongst Clouds: in all which Circumstances the Sketch agrees with my Father's Drawing abovemention'd.

Father Resta says he had seen in the Hands of Sig. Pinotti at Correggio, another Original Sketch for this Picture upon a larger Cloth than that of Sig. Ghezzi, but much torn, the Colouring of which was more Languid. And that there was a fine Copy of this Picture by Annibale Caracci, which was bought by the

Duke d'Uccedo Ambassador of Spain.

The Madonna, and S. George, with Boys, &c. (a Drawing of one of which Boys my Father has, and of the St. George;) This is in some Respects the Reverse of the Notte; the Light spreads as in Pictures of Rubens; and the Outlines of the Figures cut against the Ground; so that this is in a Manner between the Last, and most Delicate, and the S. Cecilia of Borghese, which is his First Andrea Mantegna-like Manner.

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In a Back Chamber.

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The Madonna above, and Bp. in his Rich Ditto. Cope below, &c. of the same Character with the last mention'd. My Father has a Ricalco of a Fine Drawing of this: as he has Copies of several Other Drawings, as of the Madonna and S. George, &c. of which I take no notice.

In another Room.

A Madonna sitting, with four Saints stand-Disso. ing; big as the Life. This is in a Manner between the two last, and the St. Cecilia. Correggio was here apparently making his Advance from that First Manner towards a Better, as in Those two he was got something farther towards that Sublimity to which he at length arriv'd.

The Madonna of the Go-Cart, because the P. Perugino. Christ is in such a Machine. Mr. Flinck of Rotterdam has the Drawing which is ascrib'd to Raffaele, but not judg'd to be Certainly of him by Mr. Flinck; however 'tis certainly not of Pietro Perugino, of whom this Picture is said to be.

In another Room.

Over against the Window is the St. Roch of Annibale. Annibale; the Figures as big as the Life; it takes up That Side of the Room. 'Tis well Preserv'd, Strong, in his Dark Manner, not very Touching.

On another side is the Assumption, of which Lod. Caraca

the D. of Devonsbire has the Drawing.

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On the other fide of the Room is the Madonna with feveral Saints, of which Dr. Mead has a Sketch, and my Father a Drawing by Guido of one of the Saints. Both these Pictures of Lodouico feem to have been intended for Altar-pieces; the Figures are confiderably bigger than the Life; Both are Exquifitely Good, the very Utmost of this Master; Intirely in the Style of Correggio, and perhaps Equal to him: Even the Drawing has Something, but the Best of him. The Air of the Virgin in the Assumption is particularly Excellent, but not in the Soft, rather in the Haughty, Majestick Character. She, and the Angels accompanying her, feem to flide away as if they were fuck'd up into Heaven, and just going to leave us. Neither of these Pi-Ctures have any Blackness, but are Bright where the Subject requires it, the rest is full of Reflexions, and Transparency. Both in the Utmost Preservation.

In another Room.

S. George, the same as that done for an Ancestor of my Lord Pembroke, which he parted withal to King Charles I. and which Now Doffo da Fer- Monsieur Crozat has. This is ascrib'd to Dofso da Ferrara, and is bigger than that of Raffaele, for 'tis of a Size between a Three Quarter, and a Half Length.

> In the Gold Bed-Chamber, so call d from the much Gilding of it.

Here are the Ritrattoes of the Family; amongst

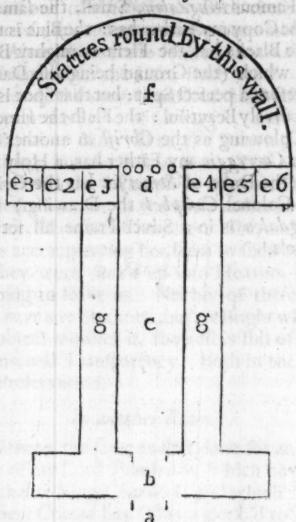
mongst others some by Titian, Giorgion, &c. Titiano. Giorgione, &c.

nothing particularly Remarkable.

In a Closet in this Room is kept in a Box the Famous Magdalen, Small, the same Size Correggio. as the Copy my Father has: the Blue is turn'd quite Black, but the Flesh is mighty Bright, and which (the Ground being also Dark) is therefore a perfect Spot; but that Spot is most excessively Beautiful: the Flesh the same kind of Colouring as the Christ in another Copy after Correggio my Father has, a Holy Family, (the Duke of Somer fet has the Original, and Colonel Campbel the Drawing.) This Magdalen is in a Silver Frame all fet with Jewels.

MANTUA.

The Palace of T.



The Plan of the Palace is of this kind, [a] is the Entrance, [b] a large Court, [c] the Paffage with Lodgings on each fide, [gg] leading to a Portico [d] which looks into the Garden [f], and which Portico has three Rooms on each fide of it, [e1, e2, &c.]

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In the first Room [et] on the Lest-side is G. Romano. the Fall of Phaeton, painted in the Middle of the Ceiling; my Father has a Colour'd Drawing (not the Original) of this: 'Tis the Same, and that Particular, but very Proper, and Noble Tinct of Colour as in the Drawing. Over the Window in the same Room are several Beasts sighting; my Father has the Drawing of This by Primaticcio. In the Right Corner a-top, and partly coming over the Picture is the Sphynx, of which my Father has the Drawing by Giulio. There are three Battels in this Room, besides that of the Beasts.

e2. Divers Stories of Ovid, in Medallions; amongst the rest the Horatii, and Curiatii, of which my Father has a Drawing by Gio. Battista Bertano Montovano, a Disciple of Giulio.

e 3. is the History of Psyche; the Banquet of the Gods is Etch'd by Battista Franco: My Father has a Drawing of a small part of it. Over the Chimney is Hercules sitting: He appears vastly Large, tho' he takes up but little room, but 'tis fill'd Intirely. In the same Room next the Window, and fronting the Door, is the Mars, and Venus, of which my Father has the Drawing.

In the Porch over the Door on the Lesthand is the David, and Goliah. My Lord Pembroke has the Drawing. 'Tis in a half

Round as That.

In the Room e4, on the Right-hand of the Portico, are the Marches, and Battels, Etch'd by Peter Sancta Bartoli. My Father has se-

veral Drawings of these, by Giulio himself, Girolamo da Carpi, &c.

e5. In the Middle of the Ceiling is Julius Cafar with his Lictors, and all round the Pi-

cture are Grotesques.

Over the Doors are two Medallions, one of which is the Continence of Scipio. Under these Medallions is a Frize of Boys, and which is continued all round the Room, a great part of which my Father has in several Drawings of Giulio.

The last Room [e6] is a Noble one indeed! here is the Fall of the Giants (Etch'd by P. Sanēta;) 'tis Painted on the Ceiling, and all round the Walls quite to the Ground. At the first Entrance every thing seems to be tumbling (as has been remark'd by Vasari, and Filibien, who have describ'd this Palace at large.) Particularly a Brick Wall with an Architrave of Stone is so painted, that every body must needs be deceiv'd by it. The Description given by these Authors is not however to be Intirely rely'd on; They say the Room is round, which 'tis not. 'Tis thus:

The Plan.

The Profile.

Filibien

Filibien says, that the Stories on the Trajan Column are here represented. I don't doubt but he means those I call Battels, and Marches; whether they are what are on that Pillar may be seen by the Prints of One, and the Other.

A Great part of the Fall of the Giants my Father has a Drawing of: 'tis a Copy all gone over with Oil Colours in Beautiful Tincts

(Stone Colour) by Rubens.

The Six Rooms, but more especially This

last, are well preserv'd.

The Apartments on both Sides, [g g, &c.] which make the Perpendicular of the T are Chambers, all of them Dark, and Almost all of them painted with Grotesques, and Foliage.

In one of these Rooms on the Right-hand is a Range of Little Histories in Squares just under the Ceiling, amongst which is Apollo slaying Marsyas, and Orpheus singing to Pluto; but the Place is so dark that they are

hardly Visible.

All these Apartments are Ill preserv'd, being Now us'd for Lodging Rooms for Poor People, and open to Every body; but the six that make the Upper part of the T are kept Lock'd up, and Preserv'd accordingly. My Father has several other Drawings for this Palace, besides those already noted; as a Foliage, in the Middle of which is a Dog asleep, a Grotesque Head, &c.

VERONA.

The Church of St. George.

At the Great Altar; the Famous Martyrdom Paolo Veroof nese.

of St. George; Extremely finely Colour'd, but without Harmony. A Picture of prodigious Magnificence, and Richness of Invention: many Figures, and those as big as the Life.

Two other Good Pictures of this Master; one over the Door, the Baptism of Christ; the

other at an Altar on the Right-hand

St. Barnabas curing the Blind.

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Next to the Great Altar is the Feeding the 5000. 'Tis much Admir'd, and is indeed a very Good Picture, tho' the Colouring is fomething Heavy, and Dirty. My Father has the Drawing very Large.

Here are the three Tombs of the Scaligers, full of Ornaments and Statues: Gothick.

The Theatre.

Before it is a large Square full of Inscriptions, and Bas-Reliefs in the Walls. There are two of These, Small, of an Excellent Taste, and very much alike. In One Mercury stands, and holds fomething in his Hand to the Earth, represented by a Woman which fits: under these Figures is written EPMH Σ and Γ H. In the Other is the Same Woman, only Here one Foot is rais'd on a round Ball. This Figure is an Intaglia, (as Ithink) in the King of France's Collection. My Father has a Past of it, as he has a Drawing by Parmeggiano of the same Woman; together with a Figure, Clad, in the same Attitude as the Mercury in the other Bas-Relief. There is a Wood-Print of This.

DUSSELDORP.

Here is such a Collection of Casts from the Antique Statues as at the Academy at Rome.

The Elector Palatine's Collection of Pictures confifts of Some Italian, but chiefly of Dutch, and Flemmish. Rubens is Here feen in Rubens. Perfection: I believe there is about 40 Pictures of him, many very Capital; as the Battel of the Amazons; the Fall of the Angels (of which my Father has the first Thoughts, and Sir James Thornhill the Finish'd Drawings in several Large Pictures, as they may almost be call'd) The most Capital Picture of all here is the Afsiumption. Whoever sees this Collection must have a Greater Idea of Rubens than 'tis possible to have without seeing it; and such a One as will give him a place amongst the most Excellent Painters.

Raffaele's Figures are Fine Actors, and Graceful, and Noble Perfons, but examine them as to Particular Parts, they are not by much fo Perfect as what he Studied, and Imitated, the Antique: Rubens's People are as it were of Another Countrey; one fees not Nature Improv'd by the Antique, but a Sort of Nature, not the Best; Not only Hands, and Feet, and some Particulars, but the Whole Figures are Incorrect, and Something Lourd: They are not People so Agreeable as to their Persons as Raffaele's; But they perform their Parts well, with great Propriety, and Energy; (generally speaking) and These Pictures have Harmony, and Magnificence, together with a vast

a vast Force of Painting, and Colouring: tho' (to fay the Truth) This last Article, and for which This Mafter is fo much Celebrated, is not Intirely to my Gout; It has Vigour, but not the true Delicacy withal, as is feen in Titian, and some Others; It partakes Something of the Grofs Style of his Figures: May not the same be faid of his way of Thinking Throughout? And perhaps Those Thoughts, Those Figures, That fort of Magnificence, Colouring, &c. have a Better Effect Together than if any One of them had been in Another Taste. They produce Pictures, Excellent in their Kind; tho' That Kind is not the Same with Those of Raffaele, nor so Good! Thus Mich. Angelo was an Excellent Sculptor as well as the Best of the Ancients; But their Styles are Different, as are the Degrees of That Excellence. And Thus too Paolo Verone se is justly Esteem'd, but his People are not like the Others I have mention'd; they are Agreeable enough in a Modern Story, not in an Antique One. Indeed every School, and almost every Master exhibits a several fort of People; Better, or Worfe, as they approach the Model left us by the Ancients, (for the Naked especially) and as they fit the Stories they reprefent, and the Parts they act.

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Parma and Church of St. John, as Monsieur
Crozat told me.

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Bianchi (Cabinet-keeper of the Great Duke) told me, that before 'twas remov'd from Rome, (which according to Maffei was in the Time of Julius II.) 'twas in perfect Preservation, and that these Fractures happen'd in the Carriage of it to Florence.

'Tis the Work of Cleomenes the Son of Apollodorus an Athenian, as appears by the Inscription on the Base. The Venus which Julius Casar dedicated, and set in the Pantheon had the Ears bor'd, and the Remains of the Pearl (Undissolv'd) which Cleopatra drank, and was afterwards cut in two, were hung to them. Martianus p.132.

P.57. 1.3.

The Body, great part of the Thighs, and the beginning of the Arms, are all that is A a Antique

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Antique, the rest is added, (as Massei says,) by Ercole Ferrata, who he also says has found this Body to be probably of Phidias; it is in his Note on the Venus of Medicis, his Words are, "Nel luogo dove si conserva presentamente questa Statua si vede ancie cora il nobilissimo Torso della Venere che già stette in Belvedere, e era creduta per quello di Fidia, siccome reconobbe dicie ligentamente Ercole Ferrata che lo resistanto di Testa, Braccia, a Gambe da un Gesso antico del torso che si conserva di quella stessa di Belvedere.

I don't remember to have seen this Cast, but my Father has one of this Torso, and two Drawings of it, one of Andrea del Sarto, the other of Parmeggiano, at least they

are judg'd to be of those Hands.

p.63. 1.19.

My Lord Pembroke has an Original Drawing of This; very Capital.

According to Ficaroni.

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P.125. at the bottom.

Pliny (L. 36. c. 5.) fays, the Niobe was judg'd to be of Praxiteles, or Scopas. When, and Where 'twas found is not known, at least I don't remember to have heard; but 'tis very probable all these Figures did not belong to it Anciently; and that those that did were Otherwise plac'd.

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They have taken up an Opinion at Rome, that both these Statues of Hercules were made by the Same Hand, and that the First done not being lik'd, occasion'd the making of the Other. There is indeed a vast difference in the Goodness of them, so great, that though the same Name were upon both, (as I think it is) or whatever other Reason can possibly be Offer'd for that Opinion, 'tis much more probable that One is a Copy of the Other, and by some Inferior Hand.

p. 151. l. 11.

The Garden is not Contiguous to the Palace, but belongs to the Family Farnese, and is in another part of the City.

p. 153. l. 11.

Cicero in his fourth Letter to Atticus speaks of the Marble Statues of Mercury, with Brazen Heads; upon which his French Translator (the Abbe St. Real) says it was usual with the Ancients to make the Heads of Statues of different Matter from the rest, that changing Those they might serve for Other Persons, without making new Intire Statues: for this he quotes Sueton. in Calig. c. 22. This however could not be the Reason for the Brazen Heads of these Mercuries.

p. 176. l. 20.

Ficaroni told me it had been a Temple of
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Bacchus;

Bacchus; 'tis Certain 'twas not a Christian Church Originally, They never building their Sacred Edifices in the Form This is; 'tis Octangular, and at every Corner a Pillar.

p. 280. L. 13.

In this Stupendious Piece of Sculpture is another Instance of this Masterly Liberty of Dispensing with the Vulgar Rules which Inferior Genius's Truckle under; The Design of the Artists was to make a Man in the Utmost Perfection; This then must be between the two Extremes, it must not be too Young, and Delicate, nor too Old, and in Decay; not Effeminate, nor Ungentile; the Character of a Laocoon was then Thus far for their Purpose: And this Story furnish'd an Occafion of a fine Expression, that it might not be an Indolent, Unactive Figure, but have fomething besides its Masculine Beauty to Awaken the Attention of the Beholders: and this moreover puts the Muscles in Motion, and makes them more Apparent. These undoubtedly were farther Inducements to the Choice of this Subject. And the two Sons of the Priest, together with the Serpent being very subservient, as Contrasting, and Enriching the Figure, makes it the Best that can possibly be Imagin'd for the Design of the Sculptors. They have then not only made the Priest Naked, but the two Young Men so Small, as to bear no Proportion to the Other, the Principal Figure, fo that consider'd as a Father, and his two Sons, (Youths)

(Youths) as well as a Priest Officiating, here is Absurdity upon Absurdity. But as 'twas not the Design to Tell, or Represent This Story, such Objections are Impertinent: These Great Masters had another View, and their Conduct has been the Wisest that could possibly have been: for as the Pontifical Habits would have spoil'd their Design Intirely; by making the Young Men Larger they would have call'd in Enemies, instead of Auxiliaries; These would have Hid, or Embarass'd their Laocoon, and Divided, and Perplex'd the Attention, and so in a great measure frustrated their Design.

The Consideration of what is the Intention and Main Business of an Artist would strike off a great deal of what Injudicious People take to be unquestionable Faults, or Neglects at least, and Discover as many Beauties: and Particularly in Portraits, where the Principal Affair is the Figure; and of That the Face, to which Every thing else in the Picture ought to be Subordinate, and

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Na Work of This nature one cannot hope there will be No Mistakes, Especially when, as in the Present case, there was nothing More, Originally intended than Private Memorandums. When I made my Notes upon the Places I had not the least Imagination of their being Beaten out, Wrought up, and Set to Publick View. But now that it has fo happen'd, that what is done might be as free from Errors as possible, we laid hold of an Opportunity which came very feafonably of submitting the Whole to the Examination of a Gentleman just return'd from Italy, who we knew had been a very Judicious, and Exact Observer, and would on This, and All Occasions use the Freedom, and Candour of a Friend: What Corrections he has made we thought our felves Oblig'd to add to those we had already noted.

p. 10. l. 2. & 3. the words in the Palace Pitti should have been lest out.

p. 46. l. 4. I believe that Antinous is not without a Nose, but That it Has is not

Antique.

p. 130. 1.5 That Second Gate I Now very well remember delivers you into a large waste ground, at the Corner of which on the Right hand near the Palace is the Toro. The Palace is as the Royal Exchange

in London the Lodgings, and Porticoes encompass a Square Court.

p. 164. at the Bottom.

Plato a Boy, asleep with several Bees &c. Our Friend fayes this fubject is Painted on the Ceiling in another Room of this Palace, and very finely by Guiseppe Chiari (with Allufion doubtless to the Arms of the Barberini Family, which are Bees) but does not remember the Picture here Describ'd, as neither do I That He speaks of. Possibly here may be some Mistake; but whether there Is, or No, or if there Is, What it is, or How it happen'd, not having a Distinct, Positive Remembrance of this Particular, and my Notes being Now flung Aside as of no farther use I cannot take upon me to fay; but must leave the whole to be farther enquir'd into by those who shall think it worth their while.

p. 350 l. 6. I Believe the Baptism of Christ is of Tintoret as our Friend asserts it to

be.

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